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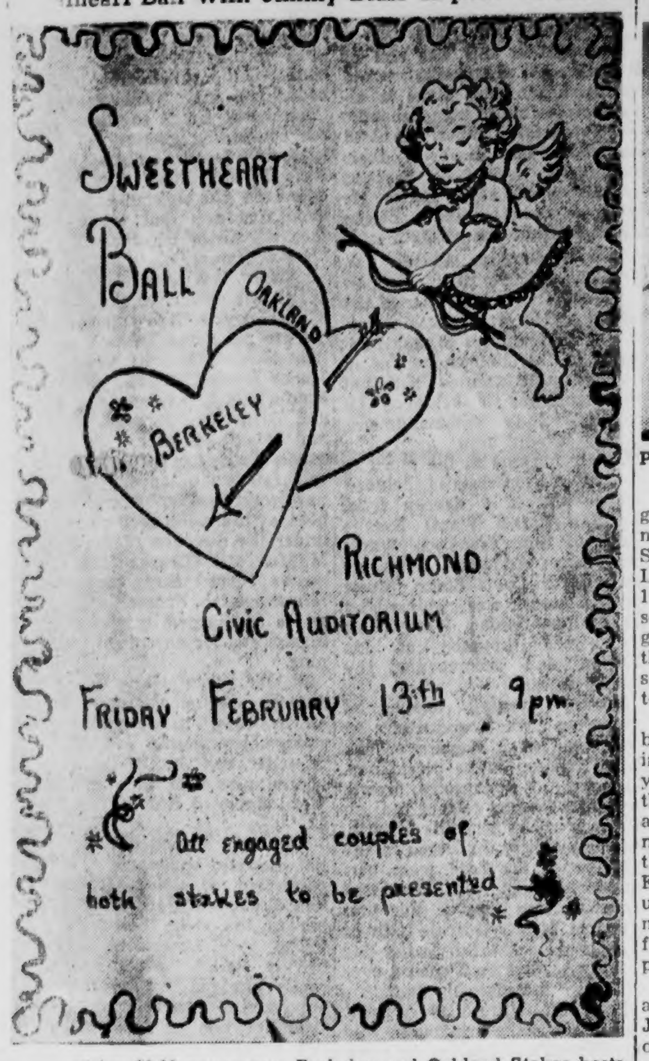
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[illegible] went and then asked per[illegible] to leave just long enough [illegible] sacrament meeting that [illegible] evening. He was carried up and down the stairs to the [illegible]. But he made it 100 per cent.

It was wonderful to have such determination. Few boys ever achieve a 100 per cent attendance record over an entire twelve month period.

Church-Wide News

- Glendale Stake distrubuted more than 100,000 pounds of wheat to four stakes in Southern California during the fall of 1952. Whole-wheat flour, cracked wheat and wheat cereal, and the whole wheat berries in five gallon sealed tin cans for family storage—these have been the things distributed. The funds for the sales goes to aid missionaries supported by the stake High Priest's quorum of Glendale Stake.
- Pres. J. Willard Marriott of Washington, D. C. Stake is the owner of a self-made restaurant business which now serves 27,000,000 meals annually through eating places in Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newark, Miami, Chicago, Richmond, Atlanta, and Salt Lake iCty.

INTERMOUNTAIN NEWS

Ex-Senator Thomas Out: Utahn' On Life's Cover

Decentralizing from Washington, D. C. certain Army transportation functions, the Army is now setting up in Salt Lake City headquarters for California and all the other eleven western states.

Object is to bring closer cooperation between the rail, air, and highway passenger and freight transportation systems and the Army. A huge office building in Salt Lake is being readied for the large personnel. "Salt Lake has been chosen because this city of the Saints is the hub of the Pacific territory, being also equally distant from such important shipping and receiving points as Albuquerque, Phoenix, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Spokane and Butte," said the Army chief over this work.

Ex-Senator Thomas Quiting

Former senator, Albert D. Thomas of Utah and well-known in the bay area ,is expected to resign as high commissioner of the Pacific trust islands, islands formerly held by Japan.

Pioneer Home Given to Village

One of Brigham Young's homes, located on 2nd East and South Temple streets will be moved to the new park, and restored to its original condition, the first of 30 such homes, [illegible] shops grist mills, and [illegible] structures being moved to [illegible]posed new park on 30 [illegible] land until recently [illegible] the Utah State pen[illegible]

[illegible] Family on Life Cover

A family of five native Utahns [illegible] the cover of Life magazine of the week of Jan[illegible] 1[illegible]. Pictured in their "[illegible]de Secrets" home in Pheo[illegible] are Mr. and Mrs. Dale Well[illegible] and their three children. [illegible] Welling is a captain flying out of the Arizona city.

California May be Trading in Homes On a Plan by a Utah Realtor

"The home building industry must and will adopt a trade-in policy on used homes similar to that of the automobile industry, says Allen E. Brockbank, Salt Lake City builder and realtor, serving as president of the National Association of Home Builders. "Sub-standard homes would have to be junked just as worn-out automobiles are junked, thus eliminating slums" he concluded. Isn't this in the California spirit?

S. L.'s 'Story Princess' Now on National TV

Salt Lake City kiddies have had a TV "princess" who comes down from the hills every Friday to spin stories for them. Now this charming spirit will be heard on the Kate Smith program TV nation-wide under a three year contract signed last December and to begin in January 1953. The "princess" who is in real life Mrs. Alene Dalton, began the series six years ago on radio, and has been on TV for a year, her husband being her "producer." She has also authored "Story Princess Book," "Fluffy and Buffy," and also co-authored "My Picture Book of Songs," which the Deseret Book Company distributes. And she may soon have her own coast to coast show, "Story Princess."

Dr. Sterling Wheelwright

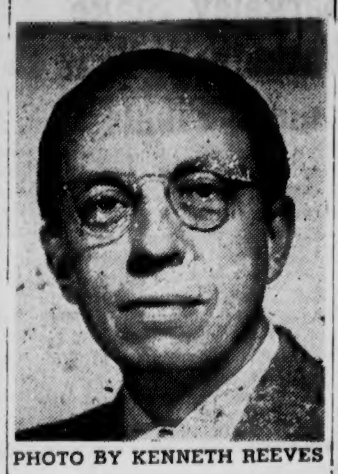

PHOTO BY KENNETH REEVES

Dr. Wheelwright of Burlingame Ward is now professor of music and humanities at the San Francisco State College. Living in the Bay Area since 1943, Professor Wheelwright served for three years as organist, instructor and director of the choir at Stanford University, and since 1946 as associate professor at S. F. State.

Previously the family had been in charge of the LDS chapel in Washington D. C. for seven years giving over 1000 recitals there during the war years. As assistant director of the Tabernacle Choir, and secretary of the General Music Committee, Elder Wheelwright had the pleasure of wide association with many of the Church leaders before filling the Washington appointment.

The Wheelwrights are leading a summer tour of Europe from July 7 to August 15, flying over the water, and visiting music and art capitals to hear and to see the best the world offers.

Experts Tell Cause Of Child's Teeth Decay

The "Dental Survey," in its August 1952 issue, p. 1076 presents a readable article by Dr. Fred D. Miller of Altoona, Pa.

Questions regarding foods as they affect childrens' teeth are asked and answered one at a time.

Question: Are there any food elements that in a child's diet will contribute to caries (decay) resistance? If so, what are they?

Answer: "Man is literally what he eats.

"All natural foods that have been tampered with by man for profit will supply the essential food elements in the body, resistant to all decay or disease. Dr. E. V. McCullom of John Hopkins University said it this way: 'Eat only those foods that rot or spoil or decay, but eat them before they do.' Of course this eliminates all processed or refined sugars and their products.

Question: Why it is that many youngsters in war-torn countries who have had inadequate diets have very little dental decay?

Answer: Surveys made following the war in those countries which were cut off from their normal food supplies show that wherever the sugar content of a diet was reduced 80 per cent, dental decay was reduced 80 per cent, where it was reduced 60 per cent, dental decay was reduced 60 per cent, etc.

Such a direct ratio between reduction of sugar intake and the incidence of dental caries seem to point to the fact that the organism response for dental decay will not thrive in an environment unless sugar is present.

However, we should be interested not just in dental decay, but in the nutrition of the entire body btcause the nuitrition of the body supports the teeth.

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BYU NEWS

BYU Now Makes Movies: To Help Students Also Weaving Project .... ..

NOW A BYU DEPARTMENT OF MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION

Pres. Ernest L. Wilkinson of the BYU stated in January that Wetzel "Judge" Whitaker, director of animation at the Walt Disney Studios for 15 years, has been appointd to head a new department of motion picture production at Brigham Young University.

The contemplated productions include educational films for both school and church, promotional films, and church history films. Later college courses in movie production will be set up. But at present many BYU studentts will be used in producing the films mentioned above.

Wetzel Whitaker has worked on such films as "Snow White" "Make Mine Music," "Cinderella," "Alice in Wonderland," and "Peter Pan." He is now at the BYU purchasing equipment and organizing the new department.

Elder Whitaker has been a high councilor and a counselor in the stake presidency of the San Fernando Stake. "The spirit to be felt on the 'Y' campus" is one reason that he accepted the new position, he says.

MONEY-MAKING PROJECT WILL PROVIDE WORK TO HELP STUDENTS

Starting in January 1953 at the 'Y', commercial hand looms are being used to produce a score of saleable articles which include dress material, stoles, baby blankets, ties, table cloths, and the like.

Designed to help students in need of funds. and still learn a useful and practical trade, the program has caught on, and already a large supply of merchandise has been produced, selling at a nominal figure and yet of outstanding workmanship.

LaNel Grant, whose father, Bishop Grant of L. A. and head of Grant Apparel Corp., weaves the most complicated items with speed and dexterity. She will direct production and training in a course that can be completed in 40 hours. La Nel, 18, weaves such things as top quality yardage, Irish linen tablt cloths, baby shawls, neckties, and place mats.

Students will be able to earn $1.00 an hour when once they master the looms, it is said. Men students are particularly taking to the project. Articles on sale may now be obtained by writing to the alumni office, Maeser Building, BYU, Provo, Utah. The alumni association takes care of sales at no charge, and sponsors the project.

BYU Seismograph Now Shows Recording Point In Science Foyer

If one sneezes near the BYU seismograph the needle jumps, says Dr. George H. Hansen of the geology department. Altho the seismic pier extends deep into the earth, the recording needle is located in a glass case in the foyer of the science building. Naturally this sentitive needle has become the center of interest on the campus as students crowd about it to watch the needle show the earth's vibrations on a moving paper tape on which the minute intervals are also marked off

BYU BASKETBALL TEAM BEATS S. F. UNIVERSITY

The fast basketball team of BYU came to San Francisco in December and won over the S. F. University team 53-52, and over Los Angeles State in two games, 82-49 and 56-37. Out of 16 games away from Utah they won 13, beating Idaho, Washington State, St. Louis Univ., Oregon State, Duke, Wake Forest, Denver and New Mexico.

"INCUBATOR FOR FREEDOM"; STAFF OF BYU DAILY MAKES DETERMINED STAND FOR HANDS-OFF POLICY IN PRODUCTION OF NEWSPAPER

"An incubator of freedom of the press," is reportedly an apt description of the spirit of the BYU daily newspaper, 'The Universe.'

Proud of their "All-American" standing among the college papers of the nation, and with virile reporting and make-up, headlnes, pictures and captions this lively collegiate tabloid on its editorial page declares its rights of editorial freedom and a 'dogged determination on the part of its officers to "see it through."

"The 'Universe,' as the newspaper is called states in all sincerity its unqualified freedom this lively collegiatet tabloid on from interference or dictating by faculty or administration beyond the traditional limitations of conservative wisdom," says the editor in a late number of that Provo university paper.

It is found that in all this there is no spirit of bravado, and certainly no hint of insubordination. They justify and defend administration actions as often as they have been aligned on the side of the student.

PRESIDENT ESTABLISHED

A perusal of old files of the 'Universe' discloses that another young editor, in days gone by had an urge to free the paper from undue domination by college officials. Young Ernest L. Wilkinson ,one time student editor, now revered president of the Brigham Young University led an earlier crusade for freedom of the college press.

Editor-in-chief Ralph Jack and his managing editor, Dave Forsyth, are both quiet, unassuming young men.

LU MARKHAM AND MARGARET RANKER

A complete roster of the staff officials includes Lu Markham of Concord, and Margaret Rankers of Orinda. Lu is associate editor, while Margaret is Tuesday editor. These BYU girls are the daughters respectively of the Ira Markhams of Concord where Ira is bishop. and of the Emery R. Ranker of Orinda, Elder Ranker being counselor in the Berkeley Stake presidency.

Palo Alto Stake, Inter-Stake Group Discuss Messenger

The Palo Alto Stake presidency and bishoprics meeting at the new Welfare Building in Palo Alto, January 8th had as their invited guests Albert P. Heiner, chairman of the Messenger's inter-stake management and editorial committee, and I. B. Ball committee member and editor and manager of the paper. Pres. David B. Haight presided.

In a well-attended monthly meeting of the group time was given to questions and answers on the part of each person present as to their feelings in the matter of the Palo Alto Stake's becoming one of the Messenger family.

The meeting was not called for making decisions but purely for an exchange of points of view and a discussion of the problems involved in the stake-wide distribution of the Messenger in this possible fifth stake in the bay area family of Messenger sponsors.

It was felt that better understandings of the matter now will enable the Messenger committee and also the Palo Alto Stake to come to wiser decisions than could have been done without the conference.

STAKE CONSISTS OF SIX WARDS

Palo Alto Stake as now constituted since the creation of the San Jose Stake November 30, 1952 consists of six wards with a total stake population of a little over 4000 (4049 to be exact). These six wards are San Mateo, Burlingame, Redwood City, Menlo Park, Palo Alto and Los Altos.

SAN JOSE STAKE SPREADS OUT

The new San Jose Stake of 3208 members includes some Church units which were formerly in the Palo Alto Stake and some from the Northern California Mission. Latest reports give these wards and branches as follows: San Jose 572, San Jose Second 624, San Jose Third 416, Santa Cruz 330, Watsonville 196, Gilroy 117, Harmony Hills 72, Salinas 436. and Pacific Grove 445.

Two former East Bay members are now bishops in Palo Alto and San Jose stakes: Lund Johnson formerly bishop of Dimond, and Darrel Monson formerly of Oakland Ward and busy in so many musical affairs in the stake.

Big Gatherings Hear Of Current Archaeological Excavations In South Mexico

Addresses illustrated with slides by Thomas Stuart Ferguson on current archaeological excavations in Book of Mormon lands, combined with concerts by the Morman Male Chorus, drew capacity houses in the Berkeley and Oakland Ward chapels, Feb. 9 and 16th respectively.

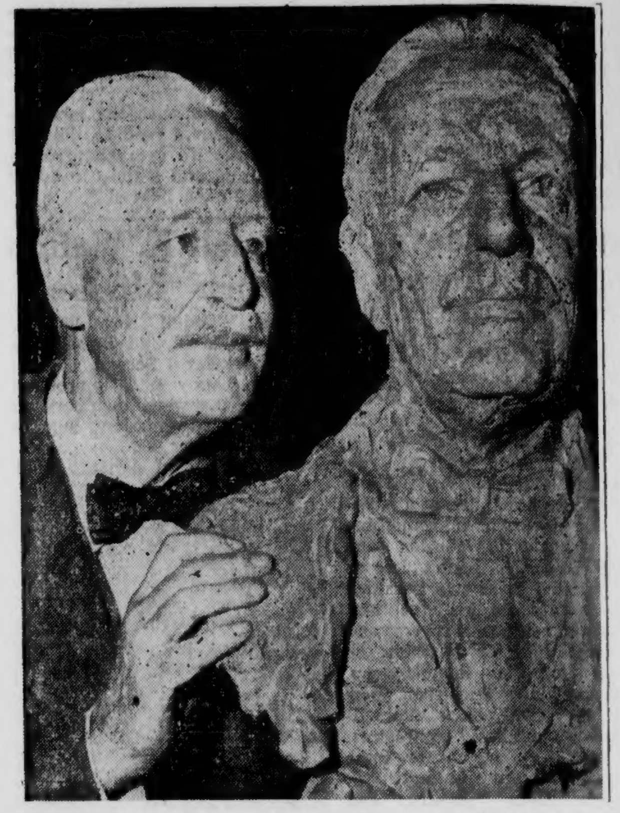
Frank J. Parsons, noted for his impressive scriptural readings, was the third program feature at these gatherings.

Lecturer Ferguson by use of projected slides made clear three main thoughts: 1. Already discovered figures, and artifacts present strong evidence of white men in a high culture in ancient Central America.

2. Sixteenth century documents written by an Aztec prince and a group of Mayan leaders reveal ancient native traditions of ancestors who were guided across the sea from a former homesite on the borders of Babylonia and of a religion that included a fair god who visited them and of a water baptismal ceremony called by them, a new birth.

3. Dr. Kidder, dean of Central American archaeologists, is of the opinion that the region in far southern Mexico where the current expeditions is now afield is the richest region for archaelogical research and promised discoveries of importance. Dr. Jakeman of the BYU agrees in this opinion.

Ready For Utah Hall Of Fame



Dr. Alfred V. Kidder, noted American archaeologist, admires a bust of himself executed by Dr. Avard Fairbanks, Utah sculptor, for the Utah Hall of Fame to be sponsored by Sons of Utah Pioneers. Dr. Kidder was in Salt Lake City Wednesday, January 14, to address a luncheon meeting of the S U P and to give a lecture at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday on the University of Utah Master Minds and Artists series in the Union Bldg. ballroom. The illustrated lecture, open to the public without charge, was on "Recent Discoveries in Maya Land." Dr. Kidder is vice-president of the New World Archaelogical Foundation of which Thomas S. Ferguson is president.

Benson Appoints Californian Assistant

President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Monday, January 18, 1953 named J. Earl Coke, director of the Agricultural Service for California, to be assistant secretary of agriculture.

The 52-year-old Berkeley, Cal., agriculturalist was chosen for the post on the recommendation of Agriculture Secretary, Ezra Taft Benson.

Mr. Coke began his agricultural career as assistant county agent for the Agriculture Department in San Luis Obispo County. His present post as chief of the California Agriculture Service is a joint federal and state position.

PRAISE DAKEN BROADHEAD

Daken Broadhead would be pleased to hear the warm tributes paid to him by those who know him best. His ability, his devotion to the Church, his absolute intergrity and his spirit of helpfulness are spoken of on every side since he was thrust into the limelight by his appointment as executive assistant to Elder Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary of Agriculture. He's the most remarkable man I've ever known." "There's absolutely nobody like him," are samples of the feelings expressed. We'll add that he is a man you instinctively feel is capable of great things. A flood of good wishes have accompanied him to Washington.

Joseph T. Young, Idaho Grocery Head Dies In Piedmont, Cal.

Joseph T. Young, 72, retired president of Western States Grocery Co., and formerly of Pocatello, Idaho, was found dead Friday, January 23rd near his home in Piedmont, California. He had apparently died of self-inflicted gunshot wounds, according to Associated Press reports.

Starting the wholesale fruit business in Ogden, 50 years ago he moved to Pocatello where he became president of a large wholesale fruit and produce company.

Since 1923 he has lived in California where he came to head the Western States Grocery Co. This firm was later absorbed by the Safeway stores.

We learn that Joseph T. Young was a descendant of a brother of Brigham Young and was known to several bay area members connected with Safeway Stores.

S. F. Stake Leaders And Messenger Meet

The S. F. Stake presidency and ward bishoprics kindly invited the Messenger's management and editorial committee to meet with them in mid-January. A question-answer session proved mutually beneficial. Pres. Albert P. Heiner and I. B. Ball represented the paper's committee .

Audience At Ferguson's Lecture

VIEW OF AUDIENCE IN OAKLAND CHAPEL LISTENING TO THOMAS S. FERGUSON'S Lecture January 16 on the New World Archeological Foundation's current expedition now afield in the supposed Book of Mormon lands.

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Dramatic Oratorio From Book of Mormon Receives Its Primiere

LEROY ROBERTSON, Composer

What is declared to be the "most significant artistic musical work in the entire annals of the Church" made history in the Tabernacle Feb. 20.

The dramatic oratorio from the Book of Mormon is the climax of 29 years of thought and study by Leroy Robertson who is now head of the music department of the University of Utah.

Already a composer of international fame and the winner of the recent $25,000 musical composition prize for his masterpiece, "Triology", Robertson stands to-

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Oakland Stake Tops Era Drive

Oakland Stake leads the entire church for January 1953 in two catagories of Era subscriptions. The official Era Digest says:

"Oakland Stake, by leading all other stakes in gain for January in both total subscriptions (216) and percent of Cash Award Minimum (36) won the title of Stake of the Month. It isn't often that one stake excels in gains in both totals and percent in any one month, but Oakland did in January and with margins to spare in both categories. Double salvos to Oakland and the Golden Gate! !"

Book of Mormon Expedition News

By ATTY. THOMAS STUART FERGUSON

More progress has been made in Book of Mormon research during the last 15 years than at any other time in LDS history. Dr. M. Wells Jakeman opened the Department of Archaeology at Brigham Young University. Two archaeological expeditions have been sent into Middle America (Mexico and northern Central America) in which Mormons have participated.

Dr. Jakeman and the writer feel that they had done much to awaken the people of the Church to the importance of Book-of-Mormon archaeology by leading these recent expeditions.

At the same time, Dr. Hugh Nibley and Dr. Sidney Sperry have published important books and articles shedding much light on the Old World backgrounds of Jaredites, Nephites and Lamanites.

And entirely outside of Mormon circles, the archaeologists have made wonderful strides forward in both Bible lands (from whence came the Jaredites and Nephites) and in Book of Mormon lands. These seem to be important years in the unfolding of the Lord's plan in connection with The Book of Mormon.

New World Foundation

Our expedition has now completed two months of explorations. During those two months more than 35 ancient settlements were discovered. The archaeolo-

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Ex Senator Thomas Dies In Honolulu Burial In Salt Lake City

Elbert D. Thomas, former U. S. Senator from Utah, died suddenly in Honolulu February 11. He was buried in Salt Lake City, Feb. 18. Services were held in the Assembly Hall on Temple Square.

Elder Thomas taught the Sunday School adult class in Oakland Branch during the time he was preparing for a Ph. D. degree from the University of California in 1923-24. He returned to the Political Science department at the University of Utah and from that position won the U. S. Senatorial seat from Utah in 1932, where he became known as a "philosopher scholar."

Appointed Commissioner

Defeated for a third term in the Senate in 1950 Dr. Thomas was appointed high commissioner for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands in 1951 by President Truman.

Recently he had resigned that position, and had made his residence in Honolulu where he was overtaken by death after only a few days confinement from his desk with a repiratory infection. Several months ago he had been hospitalized for treatment for a heart condition, but had been in good health afterwards.

Dr. Thomas is survived by three married daughters besides other relatives including former Berkeley Stake High Councillor, R. Kendall Thomas. Mrs. Thomas, the former Ether Evans, accompanied the body to Salt Lake with her brother, C. Richard Evans, manager of a radio station in Honolulu.

Japanese Mission

Elder Thomas was active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was for five years a missionary for the Church in Japan under President Heber J. Grant.

He learned to speak and write the Japanese language fluently and was recognized as an authority on Far Eastern Affairs.

He was married to Edna Harker in 1907. Mrs. Thomas died in 1942 and four years later he mar-

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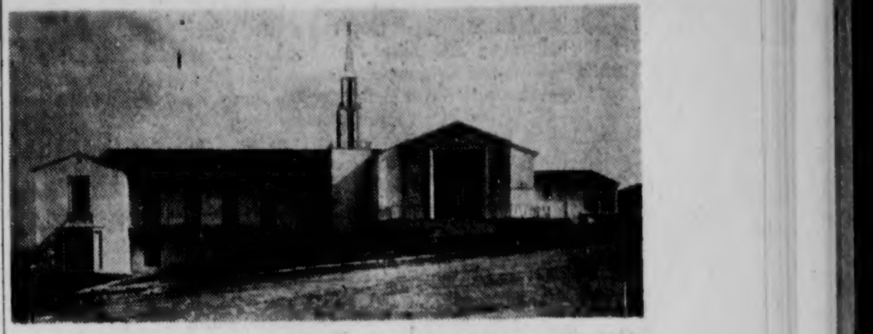
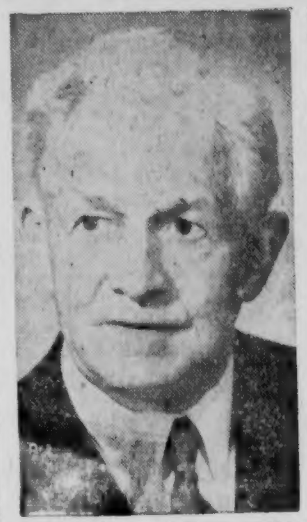


SAN MATEO WARD'S new chapel was dedicated February 22, 1953, by President David O. McKay.

Pres. McKay Dedicates San Mateo Chapel



PRESIDENT DAVID O. McKAY

Before throngs of approximately 1500 people in San Mateo Sunday, Feb. 22, President McKay dedicated the spacious ward chapel for divine worship and service.

Present with President McKay and taking part on the program was Sister McKay who stated that her grandparents, Robbins, were passengers on the Ship Brooklyn with Sam Brannan and the other 213 Latter-day Saints who landed in what is now San Francisco on July 31, 1946.

Conducting the exercises at the afternoon session for the dedication was San Mateo's bishop, William Stoker, flanked by his counselors, Worth Daniels and Elmo Smith.

Others on the program were former area bishop, Paul A. Peterson, Davis B. Haight, president of the Palo Alto Stake, Stanley S. Gibb, first bishop of the ward, and Worth Daniels, the present bishop's counselor.

Excellent music for the occasion by an enlarged choir was led by chorister LaVeda Gibb with accompanist Faye Stoker and organist Marguerite Stoddard. Sung by the choir were "Sing and Rejoice" by James, "Glorious is thy Name" by Mozart, and "Hosannah Anthem" by Evan Stephen.

California 40 Years Ago

"Forty years ago I visited California. Then there was not a chapel for the Church between St. David in Arizona and Gridley in Northern California," said President McKay. "Today in that same territory there are 214 ward and branch chapels in 24 organized stakes having a membership of 116,000. Besides this there are 5700 still members of the California Mission, and perhaps a like number in the Northern California Mission, making a grand total in this area of 126,000 Latter-day Saints. San Mateo Ward itself has increased 100 per cent in the last five years."

True Definition of Salvation

President McKay said that a common conception of salvation by many is that is consists of a state of bliss in the hereafter. In contrast to this the Latter-day Saints look upon salvation first as a plan of making our lives pleasant and fruitful here on earth. "I like to meet and to enjoy my fellow beings in happiness in this life which the Lord has given us," he said. "The pattern of life we set here we shall carry with us into the eternal worlds."

Quoting Paul's classic definition of the Gospel as "the power of God unto salvation," President McKay asked, "Wherein does that power lie?"

"The Gospel has the power" he declared, "to aid mankind to rise above and to have dominion over animal passions and indulgences. I do not know that man has power within himself to do that without divine cooperation. We sinners are dependent upon a Supreme Power, and then by our associations together we can help one another to overcome temptations, and to rule over the appetites, passions, and to rule the tongue. This is the success formula of 'Alcoholics Anonymous.'

Dominion Over Parsion

Physically we are relaed to the animals, but the power of the Gospel enables us to "rise above the domination of passion and indulgence."

"Suppose that God never revealed himself to mankind after the so-called fall. Man would have lived much like the animals, a creature of earth; eating, clothing himself, and supplying his daily demands. But God did speak to Adam and commanded the sacrifice of **the first fruits of the earth which means the best he had.**

"When man thus gives to God the best he has God gives him in return power to live the good life," continued the president, "which is seen in perfection in Jesus Christ who conquered and had dominion over all things tho he owned not a thing. He lost himself for all the world. He gave

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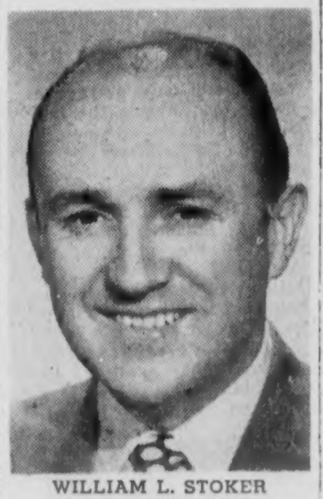

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Bishop of San Mateo

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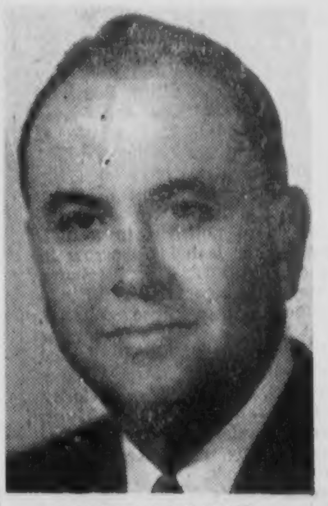

DAVID B. HAIGHT
President of Palo Alto Stake

CONFERENCE GEMS GIVEN BY ELDER JOHN LONGDEN IN BERKELEY CHAPEL FEB. 15, 1953

JOHN LONGDEN

[illegible]RS. LA RUE C. LONGDEN, [illegible]ho visited the Berkeley Stake [illegible]onference, Feb. 15, in company [illegible]ith her husband, John Longden, [illegible]ssistant to the Twelve. Mrs. [illegible]ongden, counsellor to the General Presidency of the YWMIA, [illegible]so addressed the Berkeley con[illegible]rence.

The Ladies Chorus sang "I [illegible]alked Today Where Jesus [illegible]alked". We can so walk if we [illegible]ill. We place ourselves either [illegible] Jesus' knigdom or in Satan's [illegible]r essentially there are only the [illegible]o dominions. "Where a man's [illegible]easure is, there is his heart."

[illegible]alvary Hills To Climb

No one but has a mountain to [illegible]imb, a Calvary to meet. Yet we [illegible]ed not fear. Jesus gave the [illegible]ample: he went aside to pray [illegible]st before the crucifixion, sub[illegible]itting himself to God. "Thy will [illegible] done".

[illegible]O, what we miss when we [illegible]it our family prayer. Berkeley [illegible]ake reports show that many [illegible]milies do not bow as families [illegible] group prayer. Let us all obey [illegible]unsel in family prayer.

[illegible]e Male Chorus

[illegible]he chorus sings like the ar[illegible]ts they are. A laborer is one [illegible]ho works with his hands, yet [illegible] is worthy of respect. One who [illegible]rks with hands and mind is [illegible]raftsman, and an artist is one [illegible]o works with hands, mind and [illegible]art. We have artists among us.

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Greeting, Best Wishes From Ivy B. Priest

The Messenger of Northern California is pleased to present a word of greeting which we requested from Ivy B. Priest, U. S. Treasurer and an active Church member whose home town is Bountiful, Utah, adjacent to Salt Salt Lake City. She writes:

"Greetings and best wishes to the people of Berkeley and Oakland Stakes!

"It is a great honor to be part of this new administration, and one which I shall strive to meet with devotion and capacity. Under the able leadership of President Eisenhower, I know we shall achieve our goal of peace with honor and integrity.

"May each of you pray earnestly that God will grant us all the faith and wisdom to face our new responsibilities well."

Signed: IVY BAKER PRIEST,
United States Treasurer.

John E. Moss, Jr., Sends Greetings

Feb. 28, 1953
Washington ,D. C.

Word of greeting from the National Congress to the 6500 LDS families in the northern part of California who receive the

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LDS Chaplain At Treasure Island

Robert F. Gwilliam, Lt. JG (chc) USNR, 25, a Latter-day Saint chaplain, is now stationed at Treasure Island, San Francisco.

The chaplain may be consulted daytime by calling Ex2-3731, Extension 2633, or by mail addressed to him, Treasure Island, San Francisco.

All LDS servicemen coordinators in the Bay Area are invited to see Chaplain Gwilliam for whatever assistance they may need.

Especially it is emphasized that all LDS servicemen regardless of the branch of service may call on Chaplain Gwilliam as needed.

M Men, Gleaner Week Scheduled; Big Events Planned

Three stakes—Berkeley, Oakland and San Francisco—will participate in the annual M Men-Cleaner Week beginning Tuesday, March 10 and ending Sunday, March 15.

March 10 and 11

On March 10 and 11 M Men-Gleaners will be in charge of the ward assembly programs.

Thursday, March 12

At Sunset Ward, San Francisco, comes the talent show, always one of the highlights of the week.

Friday March 13

Something new is an all-star basketball game at the Burbank School Gym, University Avenue, Berkeley. Following the game, at the Berkeley Ward's recreational hall is an evening of fun and games.

Saturday, March 14

The big dinner dance so long considered the social highlight of the week, in the Alameda Ward.

Sunday, March 15

The testimonial meeting to close the week will be held at 8 p.m. in the Sunset Ward Chapel, San Francisco.

New Appointment to YWMIA

The most recent appointment to the Young Women's Mutual Board is Sister Mildred (Mickey) Olson as Activity Counselor, replacing Nola Sulivan, honorably released.

Marion G. Romney Visits Santa Rosa Stake Conference

By JAMES C. YOUNG

President John L. Murdock highlighted the Santa Rosa Stake Conference with a stirring and well grounded appeal for the wards, branches and the people of the stake in general to get themselves in harmony with the welfare program as outlined by the church leaders. He pointed out that only two wards have permanent projects. He further stated that in only a few places are the meetings being held as outlined, and the welfare committees as outlined are not organized nor functioning.

Elder Romney Speaks

The general sessions of the conference were held at the Vallejo chapel Sunday, February 8. Special priesthood meetings were held Saturday night at Santa Rosa. Presiding was Elder Marion G. Romney of the Council of the Twelve. **Elder Romney urged his hearers to greater unity and stronger support of the welfare plan. He bore a powerful testimony and said that he had been called to be a special witness of the savior's divinity.**

MARION G. ROMNEY

Pres. Byrne and Knowlton

President Thomas Byrne gave his testimony, his most precious possession and one that grew in strength and value as he tried to share it with others. President Bryant Knowlton pointed out that we have been commanded to become as little children in that we should have a more child-like faith, trust and devotion and that if we could acquire that frame of mind we could then accept the welfare program in full confidenc and bring it to the high point of efficiency and participation that is the desire of our heavenly Father. Music was furnished by the Vallejo ward choirs.

Evening Program

The evening program was given by the stake M.I.A. with J. Johnson, assistant stake superintendent, conducting. The theme of the meeting was Scouting. The colors were advanced by the Santa Rosa Scout troop and Elder Romney spoke of the value of scouting to the Church and the community.

After the Napa Scout Troop had demonstrated the proper pro-

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Oakland Conference Hears Spencer Kimball, Apostle

Assembled in the classic amphitheatre-like Scottish Rite auditorium on Lake Merritt, Oakland, approximately 1800 persons heard Spencer W. Kimball of the Council of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Sunday morning, Feb. 22, address the Oakland Stake Quarterly Conference.

Speaking on the same program were Stake President Del-

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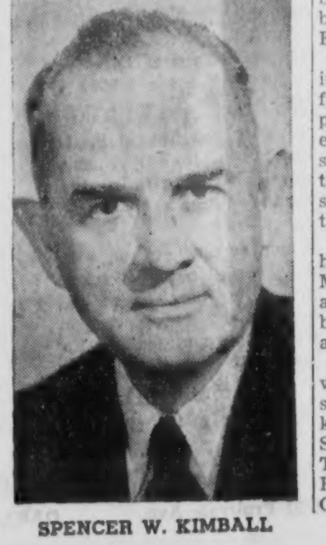


SPENCER W. KIMBALL

Berkeley Stake Mesa Temple Excursion, Mar. 28

The annual temple excursion sponsored by the Berkeley Stake Geneological Committee will leave from the Berkeley Chapel for Mesa, Arizona March 28 at 9:00 a.m. by chartered Greyhound bus. The return to Berkeley will be made the Saturday before Easter Sunday, April 5.

The chartered bus will provide insured transportation both ways for $27.50, round trip. This is the plan recommended by the general authorities. It also provides safe and pleasant association of the excursionists, enjoying themselves together during hours of the ride.

Rooms will be available at the homes of Church members in Mesa at low cost, where, generally, it is also possible to prepare breakfast. One meal is available at the temple also.

Ward geneological committees will assemble names of excursionists well ahead of time and keep in touch with Dr. C. Ronald Smith 439 - 30th St. Oakland; Templebar 2-1194 or Delbert H. Rock, 100 Ross Circle, Oakland; OLym 2-7220. Reservation deadline is March 15.

OAKLAND STAKE

Oakland Stake Calendar

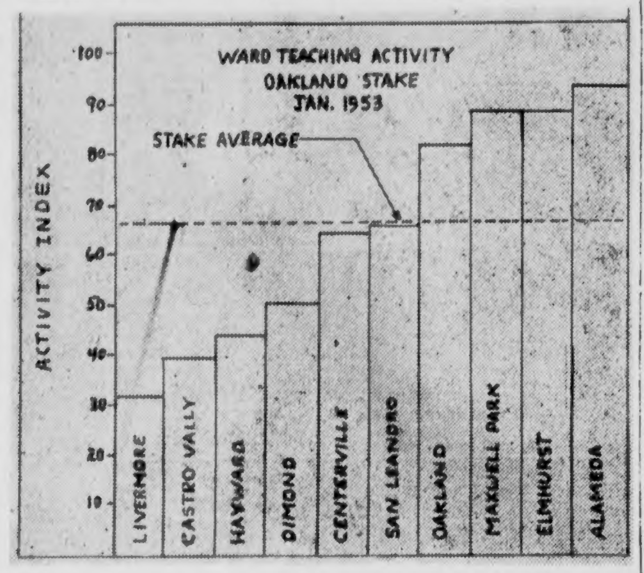
By MELBA RAINEY

MARCH

Tues. 3—Stake Music Festival, Fremont High School .... 8 p.m.
Fri. 6—Alameda Youth Award Dinner, Alameda
Sat. 7—Dimond and Maxwell Park ward Gold and Green Ball, Dimond.
Sat. 7—Oakland Gold and Green Ball, Oakland.
Monday 9 through Sunday 15—Men Men Gleaner week.
Fri. 13—Dimond Ward Relief Society Party, Dimond .... 8 p.m.
Tues. 17—Livermore Shamrock Dance, Livermore.
Tues 17—Oakland Stake Relief Society Party, Elmhurst Ward 1 p.m.
Wed. 18—Elmhurst Ward Relief Society Party.
Thurs. 19—M. I. A. Stake Leadership meeting, Elmhurst .... 7:30 p.m.
Fri. 20—Elmhurst Gold and Green Ball, Elmhurst.
Fri. 20—Castro Valley Relief Society Party.
Sat. 21—San Leandro Gold and Green Ball, San Leandro.
Sat. 21—Hayward Gold and Green Ball, Hayward.
Fri. 27—Dimond Three Act Play, Dimond.
Sat. 28—Alameda Gold and Green Ball, Alameda.

APRIL

Thurs. 2—Stake Homebuilders Holiday, Hayward.
Sat. 4—247th Quorum Seventies Party.
Apr. 4, 5 and 6 General Conference at Salt Lake.
Tues. 7—Stake Speech Contest.
Sat. 11—Stake Gold and Green Ball, Schottshe Rites Temple.
Sun. 12—Stake Sunday School Union Meeting, San Leandro.
Thurs. 16—Stake M. I. A. Leadership Meeting, Elmhurst.



Anger, Bitterness Shrivel The Hater

STAKE CONFERENCE EVENINGSESSION

"Forgiveness", not only by word but in the heart, as a requirement for those who would reach the celestial kingdom, was the theme of Elder Spencer W. Kimball's address for the Sunday evening overflow general session of the Oakland Stake Quarterly conference, Feb. 22. The meeting was conducted by Glenn C. Shaw, first counsellor in the Stake Presidency.

Quoting from Matthew, chapter 5, "Be ye therefore perfect," Elder Kimball showed how being able to forgive is a step toward the Celestial kingdom, and is necessary for perfection.

"If you have been hurt", he pointed out, "it is up to you to go to the person you think has hurt you, and forgive, and get forgiveness. It's the one who carries the hate, the one who carries the anger and the bitterness who shrivels."

Music for the Sunday evening session was by the San Leandro ward choir.

Brother Shaw of the Oakland Stake Presidency stressed the powers, privileges and blessings of prayer, particularly family prayer.

"As parents we must be able to endow our children with knowledge that God does live, and that prayer is a force as real as gravity, and only prayer has the power to overcome the laws of nature," he said

Others Who Spoke Were:

Sister Vera Hallman discussing the importance of the Family Hour in each home; Roy Weindorf of the Stake High council speaking on the power of the Word of God and how God "sometimes chasteneth" his sons to help them; Winifred Phelps, home from the British mission; her son, Richard, returned from the Uruguayan mission and Charles Eddie Briscoe of the Mexican mission.

CENTERVILLE BRANCH

Sight Your Decisions With Sincere Prayer

By J. B. McMASTER

"Sight your decisions with prayer" counseled Elder Mel Hart of Oakland Stake High Council in his talk Feb. 16 for our Sacrament Service. "The landing of our forces in Europe," continued Brother Hart, "on that fateful day in World War II may not have fared as well if Eisenhower had not availed himself of this guiding force."

Bro. Dennis Lauper, also of the Stake High Council, stirred us with his talk on the dangers of usurping power by those in authority.

Other Speakers

Other recent speakers have included Brother Ashton of Harmony Hills, Sister Anne Livingston of Hayward ward, Bishop Mike Webb of Castro Valley and Brother Ralph Smith of San Leandro.

Our branch continues to hold a top standing in percentage attendance at sacrament meetings.

Tommy Pugmire has become Sunday School Superintendent since Dan Bodily has recently been released. His counsellors are Jim Campbell and John Linder.

Relief Society and Primary have been affected by the illness of many, but the regular programs, including valentine parties for the primary classes, have been carried out.

Building Fund Grows

Our food sale by the Relief Society Jan. 17 in Newark netted $112 for the church building fund. Enjoyable and profitable was the venture of the Quilting Bee held by Isabel Oxborrow and Rose Winkel on Feb. 2. The sale of the quilt and the luncheon added $28.00 as their contribution to the Building Fund.

"Mathilde in Action" was the horse opera polished to a high glow by our Isabel Oxborrow in the recent MIA Road Show. Those taking parts were: Linda and her mother Rose Winkel, Carol Pugmire, Kathy Oxborrow and her mother Isabel, Janice Campbell, Pearl Nunes, Sandra Lewis, Darlene Wilson, Corky Wilson, Elaine Pine, Patsy Hunt, Karen Chrysler, Anne Libert, Dolores Lindsay, Artis Kezare and Carolyn Musick.

Coming Events

Primary Conference to be held in May or June.

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OAKLAND STAKE NEWS

Herbert Marsh Released: Leonard Lyons Sustained New Stake Mission Head

By MILDRED FONTAUS

At the Stake priesthood meeting, Feb. 8, Leonard Lyons was sustained as stake mission president in the vacancy left when Herbert Marsh entered U.S. military service as chaplain. Brother Lyons has been stake Sunday Scool superintendent.

Lucille Williams, counsellor and work director in the Stake Relief Society, was also released and Pearl Meinie sustained in her place. Sister Williams has merited and won the love of the women who have worked with her on the arduous trouser projects the last two years. She has a testimony of God's healing powers and tho' ill at first, was able to fill the assignment.

The Earl's Aged Parents

Melvina Earl's parents recently celebrated their seventy-fifth wedding anniversary, while Perry J. Earl's parents passed away three hours apart, his father being 97, and mother 95.

We hear San Lorenzo has 100 L.D.S. families.

D.U.P. Convention for northern California will be held in San Mateo March 4

The Hayward Camp of D.U.P. was just reorganized.

H. P. Party

The High Priests held their semi- monthly party in the Maxwell Park Ward Feb. 7. Former Dimond Ward Bishop, Rufus Q. Phelps, and Sister Winifred Phelp were welcomed home at this party where each gave interesting talks. Sister Phelps worked in the Relief Society in Great Britain just as she had done for years at home. A reception was given the Phelp's after they reported their mission in Dimond Ward on Feb. 8.

Elias Smith and wife Ernestine Hansen are full time missionaries in the Bay Area. He is a descendent of Jesse N. Smith, a cousin of the Prophet Joseph Smith. They attended the High Priests' party.

Preston Jackson, one of our worthy high priests is up and around after an operation Feb. 9.

Ona Price is back in California after spending five years taking care of her foster mother who passed away in Nebraska.

Elmhurst Relief Society

Sister Inez McFarland, because of a heart ailment was released with her counsellors, Delia Bates and Leora Orrick as president of Elmhurst Relief Society. The new presidency is Leora Orrick, Doris Smemoe, Evangeline Pedler and Lucille Brown.

Richard Phelps is home from Uruguay, South America, where he filled and honorable mission.

Our Stake Relief Society secretary, Hazel Allen, motored to Fort Belvoir, Virginia, with her son, Joe Allen who is assigned there as a cook in the Army. Belvoir is only a few miles from Washington, D. C.

Sails For Europe

Carol Durham of Alameda has sailed for Europe to visit the music shrines with a group of tourists. We hear thta Mary Nielsen of Berkeley is also planning to go with the B.Y.U. group to Europe.

Alameda Ward held a successful home-coming dinner and program for all members and past members Feb. 27.

The Hayward DUP has reorganized with Celeste Brown, captain; Melba Day, vice captain; Lydis Millett, 2nd vice captain; and Evelyn Nauman, secretary and treasurer.

Gwen Millett, returned missionary, left by plane for Germany Jan. 27 to become principal of a school at Baumholder, Germany. She hopes to be able to attend Church at Frankfort.

Billy Millett, a returned missionary from Mexico, has returned to finish special schooling at Mexico City.

The Hayward elder's group recently enjoyed a clam chowder party.

Hayward chorister, Harold Wiseman, and Angola Hancock, organist, are busy with a new Easter cantata. The $600 which the Primary children of Castro Valley raised for the ward building fund is still the talk of the valley.

Livermore

Many New Members Look To Meeting You

By M. R. STURGEON.

Primary News

The Livermore Branch Primary has been changed from Wednesday afternoons to Saturday morning.

Annual Penny Drive

The penny drive under the direction of Sylvia Wardell is beginning to show signs of success with the aid of class posters, a penny tree and a class skit. With less than ten days left the drive shows signs of going well over the top.

With a special vote of thanks we release sisters Betty Dunton, Gracie Booth and Barbara Clark from their Primary duties.

The new Sunday School superintendent and counselors have taken over their various duties; everything is going along well. The whole branch wishes to extend a hearty thanks to Frank Nelson and Albert Cooper for the splendid things they have done over the past two years as first and second counselors.

Social Events

The Livermore Branch held its party for the month on Feb. 14, the theme being valentine day. Regarded as the most successful party of the new year, valentine party points to other good social events in Livermore Branch.

Branch President's Message

Zion is growing! Have you met all of our new brothers and sisters who have recently moved into the Livermore Branch? They are anxious to meet you. I am sure you wish to make them feel at home, so let all come to the meetings and enjoy the Spirit of the Lord together.—BRUCE W. McLAUGHLIN, Branch President.

Oakland Conference Hears Apostle

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bert F. Wright; counsellor in the stake presidency, Elmo R. Smith, and Rufus O. Phelps, recently returned missionary, who, with Mrs. Winnifred Phelps and their son, Richard, is home from foreign mission labors, the parents from England, the son from Uruguay.

Music for the session included congregational hymns led by chorister, Pierce Nelson, with Donna Carter at the piano, a ladies trio: Verna Jackson, Ina Z. Fell, and Jane Boetes, accompanied by Billy Joyce Milliron, singing "Beside the Still Waters", and a male quartet: Jean Harris, Vern Tueller, Sterlind Nicholasen, and Joseph Moody accompanied by Mrs. Joseph Moody.

Two trophies were presented, one to Sister Oxburrow for the Centerville girls who maintained excellence in church activities, the other to Bishop Truman Nethercott of Elmhurst Ward for the Aaronic youths of that ward who have enviable reports of performance of duties.

The main theme of the afternoon session of the conference was the celestial law of tithing.

"I am not speaking of money when I speak of tithing. I am speaking of souls; I am speaking of celestial glory; I am speaking of blessings here and hereafter," reiterated Elder Kimball.

"Are you **giving** God anything when you pay tithes? Are you **giving** the light company anything when you pay your light bills? I think not. You are merely making 'an adjustment,' explained the apostle.

ELDER RICHARD PHELPS

South Americans Friendly; Lamanites Are Responsive

I arrived in Montevideo, the capital of Uruguay, and the headquarters of the Uruguayan mission, July 31, 1950, after an 18 day trip by boat from New York.

Montevideo is a modern city of about a million persons, similar to many American cities. The majority of the residents are of the Catholic faith, but not unfriendly to the numerous Protestant churches or to our Church, which has had a mission in that country since 1947.

I was assigned to one of the eight branches of the city, working with Elder Novell White of the Hayward Ward. While in Montevideo I also met Elders Lundberg, Jackson and Osmond, all of the Oakland stake.

Interior of Uruguay

In Montevideo the mission chorus presented programs in clubs and branches and provided special music for district conferences throughout the mission

After eight months in Montevideo I was transferred to the interior of the country, at Durazno, Trienta y Tres and Melo. The interior towns are small and usually not as modern as American towns of the same size, but the people are extremely friendly and are interested in the Gospel. In spite of the shortage of elders, all of the branches are making rapid progress under the capable leadership of Uruguayan members. The mission also has several full time Uruguayan missionaries.

Lamanites Most Interesting

The last ten months I spent in the Paraguayan District working among the Lamanites. This was the most interesting part of my mission as these people have a great need for the teachings of the Church. One of the methods of obtaining contacts is through teaching English at the Paraguayan-American Cultural Center, and also at the local branch.

I had many wonderful experiences during the two and one-half missionary years and will always be grateful for the opportunity I had of serving my Church in South America.

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San Francisco Stake Meeting Calendar

MARCH

Mon. 16—Monthly Stake Priesthood Meeting .... 7:45 p.m.
Tues. 17—Stake Presidency Meeting. .... 7:45 p.m.
Turs. 19—Stake Melchizedek Priesthood Committee Meeting. 7 p.m.
Thurs. 19—Heads of Auxiliary Organizations, Stake Presidency and High Council .... 7:45 p.m.

STAKE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Sat. 21—Missionary Methods .... 6:30 p.m.
Sat. 21—Investigators and friends .... 8 p.m.
Sun. 22—General Session .... 10 p.m.
Sun. 22—General Session .... 6 p.m.
Tues. 24—Stake Presidency meeting .... 7:45 p.m.
Tues. 31—Stake Presidency meeting .... 7:45 p.m.

APRIL

Sat. 4—Baptismal Service at Stake House under direction of Stake Mission President.
Sun. 5—Fast Sunday services in all wards.
Tues. 7—Stake Welfare Committee meeting .... 7:45 p.m.
Thurs. 2—Stake Melchizedek Priesthood Committee meeting .... 7 p.m.
Thurs. 2—Stake Aaronic Priesthood Committee meeting .... 7 p.m.
Thurs. 2—Stake Presidency and High Council .... 8 p.m.

San Francisco Stake Activity Calendar

MARCH

Mon. 2—Primary Stake Prep. Meeting.
Tues. 3—Drama Festival.
Fri. 6—Stake Dance.
Sat. 7—70's Party.
Sun. 8...M. I. A. Leadership Meeting.
Sun. 8— M Men — Gleaner Week — March 8-15.
Fri. 13— Boy Scout Court of Honor.
Mon. 16—Monthly Stake Priesthood Meeting.
Thurs. 19—Stake Auxiliary Leadership Meeting.
Fri. 20—Gold and Green Ball.
Fri. 27—Jr. M Men — Gleaner Meet (Interstake).
Sat. 28—Jr. M Men — Gleaner Meet (Interstake).
Sun. 29—Jr. M Men — Gleaner Meet (Interstake).

Spirituality Basis For Great Living

Sacrament Meeting Talk Feb. 8
Sunset Ward By Edward G. Costa

I feel very humble in standing before you this evening, and I pray that the Spirit of the Lord will be with me in the things that I will say to you.

Spiritual development should start in youth, and it will, if the child has spiritual environment. The child that grows in faith has an enormous advantage over the person who devotes time to indifference and indulgences over the growing years. Spirituality is essential to a great life. Without it life is hollow and unbalanced.

Many of us neglect to develop the spiritual side of our lives and so we deprive ourselves of some of life's most satisfying and finest experiences. No life can be well balanced and reach its highest peak of achievement without spiritual development and activity. Sincere adherence to religous ideals and beliefs will influence all other activities in life and give greater joy and satisfaction in living.

"To be spiritually minded is life and peace." One does not have to take himself out of contact with the world to be spiritually minded. He can carry his spiritual attitude into his every day life to his own good and the good of others.

There is no need to feel embarrased in any company for maintaining spiritual ideals. It is a mark of distinction to maintain ones ideals and it also brings satisfaction. Our spiritual activities do not lessen our capacity for other work, but actually increases it.

Life becomes easier to live because a definite goal is set, and this creates a desire to work toward this end. Complete satisfaction with our achievements cannot be realized without spirituality. The real enjoyment and appreciation of success comes only when we realize that the stimulation was spiritual; that alone we lacked the spark, but that with it our efforts were productive and success was achieved.

If we are to realize the ultimate in life, and the joy of a progressive life in eternity, we must do it in the only way known to us. Our lives must be a reflection of the spirit of God. There must be a spiritual motive for all of our plans and acts in life, and a spiritual radiance in all that we do. It must carry us to the heights of achievement, and have enough momentum to carry others who may be in need.

Spirituality, therefore must be man's first need if he desires true joy. As joy is the ultimate desire of man, our activities should therefore be centered around spiritual living. The more determined an individual is who tries to live a spiritual life, the greater the achievement. By setting a high spiritual goal, the height of our achivement can be raised. There is no achievement that could not have been greater, if it had been based on a spiritual background.

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BALBOA FIRST WARD

Gala Sweetheart Ball Decorations Superb

By IDA M. MILLER

The Feb. 14 "Sweetheart of MIA" ball honored three temple-married couples, Douglas and Jean Gordon, David and Mabel Simister and Keith and Dorothy Griffiths, and he following "A-ward Sweetheart" girls: Judith Pearson, Carla Civiello, Carol Nielsen, Margo Parker, Carole Stewart, Carolyn Wilson, Pearl Buckley, Patricia Geertsen, Alice Jenson, JoAnne Parmley, Marilyn Young, Joy Logan, Gayle Murray.

In "Exhibition Waltz" directed by Beatrice Grow were: Vernon Simister, JoAnne Parmley, Richard Horsley, Carol Nielsen, Joe Anderson, Joy Logan, Carl White, and Carolyn Wilson. Decorating committee: Carol Jensen and Sylvia Moulton.

RELEASED: Earl Jensen, ward teaching coordinator. JR. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Betty Dean, assistant coordinator. YWMIA: Mabel Simister, age group counselor; Marilyn Young, Era director.

Sustained

George Fejes, advisor to Priests Quorum; Earl Jensen, ward teaching supervisor. YMMIA: Morris Ashton, assistant scoutmaster; Lawson Scott Davies, assistant superintendent. YWMIA: Betty Dean, age group counselor. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Marie Wheeler, teacher. RELIEF SOCIETY: Cleo Davies, social science teacher; visiting teachers: Virginia Pearson, Vera Murray, Edna Gassaway, Afton Logan, Gertrude Young, Mabel Choslyn, Beatrice Simister, Mary Sernack, Aleda Horsley, Val Parmley, Miriam Cummings, Mary Ann Cummings, Cleo Davies.

ORDINATIONS: Donald Owen Mortenson, Reed Grandy, Larry Gaisford, deacons. BABIES BLESSED: Deborah Rae Kenison, William Harry Hardesty. CONFIRMED: David F. Buckley, Richard Kromm.

Past Events

Feb. 1, evening service by scouts with Stake President Serge J. Lauper and his second counselor, Wilford Murray, present; high priests and wives monthly meeting with Harold M. Jensen and wife hosts. Feb. 2, Faculty meeting, with S.S. officers and teachers holding party after to honor Keith and Dorothy Griffiths. Feb. 12, Primary Valentine party with games and refreshmeents. Relief Society visiting teachers' meeting had 100 per cent attendance. A gift to S.S. library: an easel made by Joseph Lehner. Feb. 15, Sacrament meeting special speaker: Thomas Stuart Ferguson, president of New World Archaelogical Foundation.

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San Francisco Basketeers Honored For Top Playing

The San Francisco Stake "M" Men basketball championship was won by San Francisco Ward who defeated Mission Ward in the deciding match on Jan. 30, 27-14. In the inter-stake play-offs, San Francisco Ward, after leading at half time, lost to Palo Alto Ward, 50-38, at Half Moon Bay on Feb. 2. Junior Seader is stake MIA athletic director.

At the dance sponsored by the San Francisoc Stake MIA on Feb. 6, Dick James' orchestra provided danceable tunes; a most enjoyable evening was the outcome.

"Scintillating" could be used to describe the up-and-coming San Francisco Stake Beehive Girls at their recent "Beehive Buzz" party. After playing ping-pong and many other games, the girls were served refreshments which were prepared by young Bees as part of their Beehive requirements.

Feb. 21 was the date of the Mia Maids Rose Prom to which Junior Gleaners, Junior M Men and Explorers were invited. A nine piece orchestra made for easy dancing.

Primary Stake Board members were pleased with their visit to the Novato Neighborhood Primary on Feb. 11. The Primary, headed by Ellen Coursey, has 18 children enrolled and is progressing very satisfactorily.

Stake Primary officers and teachers held their Stake Preparation Meeting March 2.

Due to unique advertising and a desire on the part of stake members to assist, the Primary's annual Birthday Penny Campaign, was very successful.

BALBOA SECOND

Philosophy Of Man Never Reaches Heights Of Philosophy Of God

By RUTH CHALLIS

Bishop's Message: Has any philosophy of man ever reached the heights of the philosophy of God? Yet how insistent many people are in their determination to live by their own philosophy and spend valuable time in studing the philosophy of others.

The Lord has told us by what principles we should live and to what we may attain if we live in accordance with them. We have only one try at life to make sure of our salvation. May the Saints of the Balboa Second Ward continue more and more faithfully to live by the philosophy of our Father in heaven.—Balboa Second Ward Bishopric.

Events Of The Past Month

M.I.A. Gold and Green Ball; the Sweetheart Ball Feb. 13 with Barbara Patchen as our queen; The Primary Valentine party with 65 in attendance.

The Scouts had charge of the Sunday evening program Feb. 1. On the program were: Tom Kennedy, Dick Bannion, Grant Bennion, Gary Breckon, Ronald Skagford, Rodney Austin, Preston Allison, Robert Taylor, Bob Keebler, Bishop John Breckon, Frank Heiss, Rodger Craft and Merle Morris. A solo was sung by Hugo Jenkins.

The Orval Woodburys have left to make their home in Hawaii where Brother Woodbury is stationed with the navy.

Those graduated this month were Harris Kenner, Erma Lee Williams, Sheila Koski and Eddie Gormlry from grammar school. Joy Collet, Maxine Daymore, Sherilynn Roberts, from Jr. High school, and Jo Ann Breckon from High School.

Babies Blessed: Brother Woodbury blessed his new baby daughter.

Ordinations: Frank Austin was ordained a Priest and later ordained his son Rodney a Deacon.

Sustained: Arnold Pickford, Young Men's age group counselor; Mary Lou Couchmen, attendance secretary in MIA; Don O'Brion, president of the deacons' quorum; Florence Hansen and Doris Esser, Primary teachers and Ardith Yost, Chorister in Primary.

A wonderful building fund dinner and program was prepared for us by the Eddie Teo family of Mission Ward with plenty of food for every one.

HAYWARD WARD

By Cleone Ostler

The Relief Society held a special Visiting Teaching program on Feb. 10 under direction of Helen Ream, and counselors, Katherine Smead and Elaine McCracken. One of the outstanding numbers of the fine program was a two-part skit directed by Mary Jane Root: "What Not To Do When Visiting Teaching", and then, "How to Give a Visiting Teaching Message".

We are very proud of our M.I.A. and the excellent Road Show that was produced. It won first place in the Stake. Georgia Hawkins, our drama director, wrote and directed the play while Esther Paulson directed the dance numbers. The theme of the show was "I Will Remember Those Who Were Upon the Isles of the Sea", and was taken from the Book of Mormon, 2nd Nephi, Chapter 29, Verses 7 and 11. Those who took part in the play were: Esther Hawkins, Carl and Claudia Larsen, Jim Mathews, George Wood, LeRoy Wood, Donna Hamilton, Barbara Mecham, Peggy Mecham, Doryalle and Ron Merwin, JaNene Izat, Larry Smith, Eleanor Monte and Silvia Bailey.

We are looking forward to the one act play, "Something to Crow About" which will be presented by the Mia Maids and Explorers, March 4.

Speaking of being proud, we are almost bursting our buttons over the fine showing our M Men basketball team made in the Stake and District tourneys.

Passed Events

Dr. Jay Broadbent has been released as first counselor in the Sunday School superintendency. Reed Judd, who was 2nd counselor was sustained as 1st counselor, and Dr. Justen Call of Camp Parks, as 2nd counselor.

The Primary Valentine party, Saturday, Feb. 14 featured a program, games and refreshments. A hundred children attended. Sister Betty McCollum has been sustained as a new teacher. Helen Richards was released, as she and her husband, Darrill, have moved to Sacramento.

Sunday, Feb. 1, the Boy Scouts presented the evening services. The program was conducted by M.I.A. Superintendent Kay Richardson, directed by Scoutmaster Wilford Easton, Assistant George Hughes and Explorer Leader Darwin Larson. The splendid program was built around the Scout laws, which were very capably depicted on a large plaque which was hand carved by Darwin Larson.

The Elders Quorum sponsored a clam chowder party, Feb. 20.

ELMHURST WARD

Genealogy, Primary, R. S. Counselors

By JOANNE PARTINGTON

One of the outstanding characteristics of the Church of Christ is the emphasis placed on the family. Love and responsibility of parents to train their children have been often repeated in the revelations. Joy, happiness and indeed eternal life itself can be the result of a home wherein our Savior's instructions are observed.

Let us become more and more home and church centered in our activities. That this may be the lot of all is our sincere wish.

—The Bishopric

A hearty welcome is extended to the Wadell family who come to Elmhurst from Bakersfield. Both Leigh and Carolyn Wadell have been sustained as S.S. teachers.

The Relief Society now has the competent help of Sis. Lucille Brown in the position of placement counselor.

The Geneology Committee has released, with a vote of thanks, Wm. H. Evens and John Otto Krage was sustained as counselor to Bro. Les Stanfield.

The Primary Association has also received an addition. Ruth Partington is now Primary President with Ruth Jones' first counselor.

Maxwell Park Ward

First Award Night In The Stake Held

Greetings from our Bishopric! To all the ward the best of everything. May they who are ill soon be back with us. We need you all, individually and collectively; for your improvement as well as ours; together we can do many things to upbuild the Church and Kingdom.

Sidney Judson visited his parents and the Shaws for two days. Marily and the baby stayed in Arizona until his return.

Glen Shaw, Jr., after a few days at Fort Ord, was transferred to Fort Lewis, Washington. He has been confined in the hospital there with the flu.

Bob Henderson, son of Blanche and Harlan, is stationed with the Marines at the El Toro Airbase. He writes that he visits Johnny and Elaine Krage often.

Young George Baird was baptised this month. Leanne Larsen also became a member.

At Sacrament meeting the last month we heard the testimonies of four full-time missionaries.

What we believe to be the first Award Night in the stake was held in January. After dinner was served by the Relief Society, eight Aaronic Priesthood boys who qualified received their individual awards. Four of our fine fellows received 100 per cent awards, Charles and Louis Nakos; Bob Martin, teacher, and Brent Shaw, priest.

At a lovely party, Clarence and Lucille Williams announced the engagement of their daughter Vivian and Sterling Nicholayson. The party was held at the home of Viv's sister, Ruth, and her husband, Howard Thomas, of San Leandro.

WEDDED HAPPILY 76 YEARS; THEY DIE 3 HOURS APART

The friends of our Percy J. Earl, and of his brother, John H. Earl of Hayward Ward, will remember the beautiful story of their parent's lives together for 76 years and sweethearts always.

Then in January, after a short illness, Sister Earl being near death, he realizing that his wife would soon leave him, gave up; just three hours later, he was followed in death by his wife.

Oratorio From Book Of Mormon

(Continued from page one)

day as the "first to have given a lasting musical setting on a grand scale to Book of Mormon scripture", according to the Utah Symphony Orchestra's official printed program for the Tabernacle primiere performance of the oratorio.

"While his music adequately gives historic atmosphere and poigmant emphasis to Latter-day Saint doctrine and belief", continues the program writer, "it is nevertheless a highly personal expression. It relates the old world with the new in an ever-fresh musical style encompassing a technique that is masterful, an intelligence that glorifies God, and a heart that is sincere— a rare combination of qualities among modern composers."

The music critic of the Deseret News, Conrad B. Harrison, said after the first performance of the oratorio:

"There is no doubt about the greatness of the work and its place among the finest masterpieces in vocal and instrumental literature. It has the stamp of excellence that is evident on first hearing.

"Nothing has been written on this continent, perhaps in the world, in this century that will compare with it in its field..

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ALAMEDA WARD NEWS

Gaylene Clayson Is Golden Gleaner

By VERA SMITH

Sunday Feb. 15: At Sacrament meeting President Rhea Gustaveson presented Gaylene Clayson her Golden Gleaner Award; Rulon S. Doxy awarded the pin and Bishop Arnold Bangerter presented a lovely corsage.

Wednesday, Feb. 11. Special Interest box lunch social and clean up party. This active group polished the chair backs in the chapel while enjoying an evening of fun and laughter.

At a recent sacrament meeting we heard from one of the new members of our ward and welcomed Brother and Sister Napolean and the lovely spirit of the Islands they bring into the ward.

Thanks For Pennies

The Primary expresses thanks for the Penny repose although they missed their full quota. President Francis Severson welcomes into her organization: Evelyn Fink, Velma Barber, Thelma Commack and sorrowfully bids farewell to Helen Christensen, now on the Stake Board.

The honest attempt to save the U.S. Government some money by counterfeiting—just a little at a time—makes for a very enjoyable evening when the Elder's Quorum presents "Mr. 880" starring Edmund Gwen. Remember the day and the time: March 20, at 7:30 p.m.

All past presidents of the Relief Society will be honored at a special work day luncheon Tuesday, March 10. Everyone come.

Bishop's Report

Bishop Bangerter reports 48 baptisms and 40 children blessed during 1952. Also our ward teachers reported over 95 per cent visited during January. We would like to claim top in the stake.

Era Subscriptions in January —Alameda Ward had from 36 to 40 Era subscriptions, helping the Stake's total of 214.

Our basketball team has taken second place in the Stake league, and also played city play-offs.

Three men from our team have been chosen for the Stake's All-Star Team. Jerry Gamblin, center; Gary Powell, forward and guard; and Gene Soderquist, guard.

Due to a copywriting mixup, Bishop Bangerter's name was signed to a bishop's message last month which he did not write. Brother Newell Christensen wrote it.

MISSION WARD NEWS

To Know God Seek To Tell Him

By ETHEL TITUS and IDA BIGELOW

As a bishopric we would like to see a greater knowledge of God prevail. We would like to offer this thought: To know a man we must associate with him, understand him and feel his personality and spirit. So it is with knowing God. We must strive to know Him and feel his Spirit, to pray and talk with Him. Then we will enjoy the Being that created us. Let us so live that His Spirit can always be near to direct us in all we do.—The Bishopric.

Additions to the Sunday School teaching staff: George Stoat and Marcus Bitters, first year senior dept.; Helen Evans, kindergarten.

Helen Lowe, wife of Ray Lowe, teacher in Gospel Doctrime class has undergone surgery in St. Francis Hospital; She is doing nicely.

Te following officers and teachers have been set apart as M.I.A. workers: Clifford Jones, activity assistant superintendent; Lloyd Webster, M Men leader; Newell Cutler, Special Interest teacher.

Our auditorium was decorated beautifully for the Sweetheart Ball of Mission and Balboa second Ward Friday Feb. 13. Gleaner girls from both wards were honored with corsages. After a clever floor show an orchestra played for dancing. Refreshments followed the valentine theme.

The Primary activity for February included a birthday party on Wednesday 11. Parents were invited and refreshments served. They also conducted a home-made food sale on Feb. 15, after Sunday School.

Charles Hilder is our new choir director. He and his group gave their initial performance in sacrament meeting Sunday 8. They did very well.

Joanne Carolyn Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Collins, is engaged to John Dyke Kramer, recently baptized into the Church by Elder Holland of the Northern California Mission. No date is set for the wedding.

For the Balboa Second building fund two expansive Samoan dinners were given by Eti Teo on Feb 27 and 28. Roast pigs and all the trimmings were served. Entertainment was furnished by Eti and his Samoan group. In a special ceremony his 17 year-old son, Whitney, had his braids cropped and a conventional hair cut given.

Castro Valley

S. S. Plans New Teaching Aids

By Betty Maynes
Bishop's Message

Our blessings are abundant when we obey the laws given us by our Heavenly Father. When we disregard these laws set up for our protection we bring unhappiness to ourselves. Just as the child is hurt who does not heed his mother's warning of "Do not touch the hot stove—you will be burned," so come our blessing or condemnation in complying with Heavenly Father's admonitions set forth for our benefit.—Bishopric.

Busy February

February is one of the busiest months of the year for church activities, and the one just past was not an exception. Primary collected $75.00 from the penny drive for the Primary Children's Hospital. Each class in Primary held their own Valentine party which proved very successful. The Mutual oragnization has been busy with the Road Show production, which was very impressively presented. A very interesting program called "Family Grows in MIA" was given during a regular Tuesday evening meeting and was thought to be so well prepared that the missionaries have asked the group to repeat it for a forthcoming cottage meeting.

We are sorry to hear that our very capable Music Director, Sister Bertha La Prae, has been ill and will have to curb her activities in Mutual for a time. We all hope Sister La Prae will ge well soon. A farewell party for Elder Less Mason was given by the officers and teachers of the Mutual. Elder Mason expects his call from the armed service soon. We are very sorry to lose such a faithful and conscientious person.

The most important advance in our Sunday School is the start of a new library. A pasting party is being planned in order to mount 235 pictures so far obtained. Two flannel boards are in the process of being made and a motion picture machine is also on order.

Watch for announcements in the Ward for the dates of this year's Music Festival and Speech Festival. All officers and teachers should reserve the second Thursday of every month for the Ward Family Night.

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OUR FATHER AND LIFE'S DISASTER

EDITORIAL

The catastrophe which flooded, doughty Holland and which cost hundreds of lives, and many hundred millions in property and homes, and earning capacity has served to revive the perennial question: How justify the ways of God to man?

Daily sad events that come to our attention in our close circles of friends and relatives and in the newspaper keep the question ever on the lips or in the heart of mankind: Why do the good suffer so much ill fortune?

Varied answers have been poised by all peoples Jew, Gentile, and Christian, and accepted with varying degrees of approval.

Let a reasoning by opposites be considered here.

Let it be assumed that mankind had been placed in a world made secure against all disaster which comes either by seemingly blind natural forcesor by fellow-man's negligence.

What then?

The writer was living in New York City as a young missionary in 1901 when the S.S. Slocum burned in the New York bay, and nearly 2000 Lutheran Sunday School children aboard on a picnic excursion were burned to death or drowned. As we recall it, the reason for the disaster was that the defectiveness of the ship's boiler had not been observed and reported by the official inspector.

Why had not a loving, all-knowing Father interposed to prevent the snuffing out of those innocent, young lives? Could he not have stopped the fire? Prevented the explosion?

We may be sure that if Almighty God had prevented this one disaster, he would have been bound to step in similarly in case of all calamities, past, present, and future. Would not mankind have thus been relieved of need for discretion, foresight, caution, and responsibility. Remember, this principle would apply not only to minor preventable accidents but even to the greatest of man-made tragedies, war.

Under such a plan of earth life, what would have happened to man's moral development? Surely, irresponsible human beings would never evolve into a self-developing manhood. True, many lives would have been saved and existence made more placid.

But at what a cost? Would not life have been rendered insipid and valuless in the process?

Consider now how the development of worthy character in mankind would have been affected under a plan of earth life in which not only man-made calamities were prevented by divine interposition, but also disasters resulting from natural causes.

Here human responsibility is not involved. But do not such disasters serve at least as a check on too much self-sufficiency on the part of man? They are mighty voices of warning to an otherwise heedless humanaity. The Lord's statement is arresting:

"O, ye nations of the earth, how often would I have gathered you together as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, but ye would not:

"How oft have I called upon you by the mouth of my servants, and by the ministering of angels, and by mine own voice, and by the voice of thunderings, and by the voice of lightnings, and by the voice of tempests, and by the voice of earthquakes, and by great hailstorms, and by the voice of famines and pestiences of every kind, and by the great sound of a trump, and by the voice of judgment, and by the voice of mercy all the day long, and by the voice of glory and honor and the riches of eternal life, and would have save you with an everlasting salvation, but ye would not!

"Behold, the day has come, when the cup of the wrath on mine indignation is full.

"Behold, verily I say unto you, that these are the words of the Lord your God." — D & C. Sec. 43:24-27.

Poets are often prophetic teachers of truth. Angela Morgan gives us a poem in her "Forward March":

"WHEN NATURE WANTS A MAN"

Where Nature wants to drill a man
And thrill a man,
And skill a man,
When Nature wants to mould a man
To play the noblest part:
When she yearns with all her heart
To create so great and bold a man
That all the world shall praise—
Watch her methods, watch her ways!

How she ruthlessly perfects
Whom she royally elects:
How she hammers him and hurts him
And with mighty blows converts him...
How she bends, but never breaks,
When his good she undertakes...
To try his splendor out—
Nature knows what she's about
Nature's plan is wondrous kind
Could we understand her mind...
Fools they are who call her blind.

When his feet are torn and bleeding
Yet his spirit mounts unheeding,
All his higher powers speeding
Blazing newer paths and fine
When the force that is divine
Leaps to challenge every failure, and his ardor still is sweet
And love and hope are burning in the presence of defeat...
Then doth Nature show her plan
When the world has found—a man!

DAVID OWENS, David Ream and John Huish, shown above in this order, left to right, in the picture were acclaimed Troop 8 Eagle Scouts Sunday evening, February 11, in the Berkeley chapel. The usual Court of Honor was held in a program devoted to Scouts and scouting.

Ex Senator Thomas Burial In S. L. C.

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ried Ethel Evans of Salt Lake City.

Funeral services were conducted in Honolulu. The memorial funeral services were held in the Assembly Hall in Salt Lake City, Bishop Rulon T. Hinckley of the Seventeenth Ward of the Church conducting.

Memorial Speakers

Speakers for the services in Salt Lake City were Professor Parley A. Christensen, Brigham Young University faculty member, Morris Rosenblatt, Salt Lake businessman and long-time friend of Dr. Thomas, Dr. Sidney W. Angleman, University of Utah faculty member, and Lowell L. Bennion, head of the Institute of Religion at the University.

Organ prelude and postlude music was played by Alexander Schreiner, Tabernacle organist. "Laudamus" one of the numbers sung at the services was written by Elder Thomas' mother, Mrs. Carrie S. Thomas.

The family requested that instead of flowers, friends may send contributions to the R. K. Thomas-Carrie S. Thomas Memorial Library at the University of Utah.

Temple Excursion Group—Mesa Temple

ON PAGE ONE of this issue of the Messenger is announced the coming annual temple excursion of the Berkeley Stake to the Mesa Temple, Arizona. We learn that all Bay Area stake members are invited to join in this trek for temple work. Photographs are always Taken at the temple similar to this Berkeley Stake group.

We See Salt Lake In Mid-February

By Isaac B. Ball

A cold and leafless valley and a city of sear lawns—no snow on the ground—are things that had somehow fallen from memory in the 25 year period during which visits "back home" had come only at the green seasons. Hence Salt Lake in February spoiled our idealized image. It looked too drab.

No doubt, however, if one were again to make a home there thru drowsy, dreamy autumn's gradual change of dress and then thru spring's thrilling miracle of awakening mother nature, when "whether we look, or whether we listen we hear life murmur, or see it glisten" the marked change of season would tend to thrill the spirit as "of yore" and winter would not shock.

Bay Area Green Lawns

Yet, one could not help but compare Bay Area green lawns and shrubbery and the gay blooms of early azaleas and primulas—and that comparison left us content with our lot in the region by the Golden Gate.

Salt Lake City's two L.D.S. book publishers of Latter-day Saints' books claimed our attention one day.

A new manager sits in the business office of the Deseret Book: A. H. Parry in place of Albert Reiser. Brother Parry, a trained merchandiser, tho comparatively new to the book business, shows a rare combination of progressiveness with conservatism in a dignified personality.

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From an interview with manager Wallin we carried away a world of challenging ideas for locally bestirring more readers who "seek wisdom out of the best books."

Harold Lundstrom

Harold Lundstrom of the Deseret News puts together a large part of the Church Section of the Desert News. Alert, experienced, efficient, hearty—that's Harold.

Our periodical interviews with "Hal" generally sees him opening the Messenger and the Church Section together on a table top in the large editorial room of this section of the Deseret News and Salt Lake Telegram.

A large blue pencil scrawls his specific corrections, directions, commendations for a better Messenger. We come away delighted and enlightened and often carrying some freely given booklet to guide in the craft of newspaper making.

NOTES FOR SERMONS

THE MORMON GOD

By E. Lorenzo Howard
San Francisco Stake

I. The only SUPREME GOD.
a. There is to be no God placed before this God, the Eternal Father.
b. It is this God who is the head of all things.
I Cor. 8:4-6; Alma 30:44; DC 76:92-93.
II. God is Eternal.
a. God is all powerful, exists always, and never changes.
b. Because He is stable He can be depended upon to be at hand when needed.
c. Because he is eternal and His plans likewise are unchangeable we can place faith in Him.
d. He is the one secure point in our seemingly chaotic lives.
Psalms 90:2; DC 20:17; DC 3:1,3 DC 76:3.
III. God is all wise.
a. He sees all that happens; He knows our secret doings.
b. He has an answer to all the problems that beset men.
c. Because He is all wise we have a refuge when troubled beyond our power of understanding.
Heb. 4:13; Psalms 139:7-10; Prov. 3:19-20; DC 88:41.
IV. God is just and true.
a. He holds no man above another because of race, color, or creed.
b. He is bound by His word. He cannot lie.
c. Because of this quality we need not fear political manipulations at the judgment.
Acts 10:34-35; DC 3:2; DC 82:10.
V. God is loving.
a. Mercy tempers all His judgments, thus giving hope to all men.
Lam 3:33; Psalms 103:8-9; DC 46:15.
VI. God is real.
a. God is a MAN OF HOLINESS, glorified and resurrected.
b. He can and has been seen and known.
Heb. 11:6; John 17:3; Psalms 14:1; DC 130:22; Matt 5:8; Moses 1:1.
VII. Worshiping God.
a. Thou shalt love Him and no other God.
b. Thou shalt not use His name in vain.
i. This means blasphemy.
ii. Churchmen not authorized are taking His name in vain.
Matt 22:37-38; DC 18:40; DC 63:61-64; Exo 20:4.
VIII. Praying to God.
a. Thank Him in all things.
b. Pray for wisdom, joy when burdened, thanksgiving when blessed.
c. All things can be had thru prayer.
James 1:15; DC 112:10; DC 136:28-29; Matt 6:6-13; 3 Nephi 18:21.

VIEW FROM TEMPLE HILL, East Oakland, looking toward Oakland city hall and the Golden Gate. Taken February 13 by commercial photographer, Edward A. Pyle, Berkeley, at phoned request of the Improvement Era.

Temple Hill

By JAMES C. WRIGHT

This dawn let's meet on Temple Hill
In memory of the blessed One,
Who died that men may rise and live
In glory with the Holy Son;
While lilies pure and white as snow
Each proudly stand with bowing head
As though in reverence to the blood
That stained His cross a scarlet red;
There sing to Christ an Easter song
While sunbeams break the shadowed night;
There pray that we ascend one day
Endowed with His celestial light,
Where rainbow gardens glorify
The Savior's Mansion there on High

—James C. Wright

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GOINGS AND COMINGS

Berkeley Second—Bro. B. Y. Green is visiting our dear Bishop and his good wife from McCammon, Idaho. He remembers talking with John Taylor!

Faye Lloyd enjoyed a lovely week up in Reno, Nevada, visiting her mother and father.

Vallejo Second Ward—Nora and Blaine Christensen have returned to Vallejo and plan to make it their home.

A/3C Ray Telford was home on leave from Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado. He will be going overseas shortly.

Pleasant Hills—Howard and Beth Pierce played host this month to Beth's brother and his family from Colorado, Mr. and Mrs. Arden Meeks and son, Tod. Arden just completed his schooling at University of Coloradio; they will make their home in Mountain View.

When the identical twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chalmers were blessed this month, the Chalmers welcomed guests from all over the state for the occasion, including Joanne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Reed Hicksen of Modesto.

Visitors at the Ahneita Drive home of Bishop Joe Roy and Wanda Hilton are Wanda's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer C. Fullmer of Sugar City, Idaho.

Little Melda Swayze entertained several of her little friends on the occasion of her fifth birthday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Swayze.

Berkeley First—Elder and Mrs. Spencer E. Kimball of the Council of Twelve were guests at the Joseph C. Eyring home during February.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Sabine have as their guest Mrs. Sabine's mother, Mrs. M. E Christopherson, of Salt Lake City

Mary Watkinson Wallman, former Berkeleyan, and her husband, Dr. Wallman, are returning to Berkeley to make their home. Dr. Wallman has been an atomic scientist at Brookfield Laboratories near Chicago.

Clyde Lindsay, recently called to active military duty, will be stationed at Walter Reed Hosital in New York.

Emma and Charles Taylor recently enjoyed a trip to Salt Lake City to celebrate the birthday of Emma's father. Enroute home, they visited with their daughter, Joyce, and her family at Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Centerville—Frank J. Murdock with his wife Claire Thomas Murdock of Salt Lake City visited with the Clyde Lindsays at their home in Newark and in San Francisco over the Lincoln holiday week end. Francis Winkel spent a few days on a trip to Oregon and Washington.

Darryl Green of Fort Ord was visited by his parents Earl and Artis Green on Feb. 8 before he was moved to Fort Lewis, Washington.

The Kenneth Steadmans had Sister Steadman's parents, Brother and Sister Earl Toone of Draper, Utah, visiting them. Brother and Sister Fred Eaton went by plane to Pennsylvania to see Sr. Eaton's father who was very ill. Their stay was for several weeks.

Claremont—Annetta Wood visited Salt Lake in January, but didn't have time for much sight seeing as she spent the main part of her time welcoming her new grandson, Rex Earl Remington, whose mother is Marge Wood.

To Los Angeles for a few days on Feb. 19 went Miriam and Heber Ellsworth and their daughter and grandchild, Julia and Cathy Barrett.

Hayward Ward—At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dasil Mathews, Kathy's mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Thomson of Logan, Utah, visited for a few days before continuing on their trip down the coast to Mexico.

Dr. Jay Broadbent and his wife Beverly have had his mother, Mrs. Retta Broadbent of Provo, Utah, visiting with them.

Dr. Kay Root flew to Boston Feb. 12 to take the third part of his National Board Examination.

Balboa Second—The Jim Challis are vacationing in Salt Lake City where they attended Ruth's brother's wedding.

Barbara Davis and her children are visiting in Fresno with her folks.

Napa Ward—Recent visitors of Mrs. Laura Marie Nightwine in Napa were Jay and Peggy Wilson and children. The Wilsons were enroute to Spokane for a new assignment with the Air Force. They are former members of the Napa Ward having lived here three years before going to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

SHOWERS

Pleasant Hill—Little Holly Jane and Merry Henrietta, and their mother, Joanne Chalmers, were honored at a delightful "Stork Shower" at the home of Mrs. Woody Allred, with Mrs. Paul Corbridge as co-hostess.

The two little girls are the adorable indentical twins born in December to Robert and Joanne.

Wanda Hilton, Joy Criddle and Geneve Scott all joined to provide a charming evening for those attending the "Pink and Blue" shower they gave to honor Ellan Swayze and her new son, John.

The party was held at Geneve's home.

Claremont—A baby shower for Darlene Dangerfield was given by Kay Raynor and Lorraine Dangerfield Feb. 19.

Balboa Second—A surprise baby shower was given for Pearl Morris by Ruth Challis and Mary Louise Lindman at Sister Lindman's home.

WEDDING BELLS

Elmhurst—Marion Sutton and Dick McDonald knelt together in the Salt Lake Temple and became man and wife for time and eternity, Feb. 25. The reception was at the home of the bride's parents, the Harold Suttons, in Oakland.

Balboa Second—Jo Ann Breckon and Terrance V. Anderson were married by her father Bishop Breckon on Feb. 23. A reception was held in Mission Ward Recreation Hall.

Hayward Ward—Cherie White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon White, and Noel Taylor, of San Jose, will be married in the Salt Lake Temple June 8, 1953.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Vivian Nottage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Nottage, and Jack Bennet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Bennet. Their wedding plans are indefinite, as Jack is expecting a call soon from Uncle Sam.

Pat Robins will be another June bride. She is engaged to Ronald Bauer, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bauer, of Riverside.

Napa Ward—Recently married before a small gathering of close friends and relatives were Kathryn Bingham, formerly of Ogden, Utah, and James C. Young, formerly of Price, Utah. The rites were performed by Santa Rosa Stake President John L. Murdock.

Mrs. Murdock, sister of the bride, attended her while Allen Young, cousin of the groom, was best man, and Carl Young, six year old son of the groom was ring bearer. The couple are now residing at 321 Monroe St., Napa.

Rodeo—During the Christmas holidays Mr. and Mrs. Duke Wanlass announced the engagement of their daughter Dorlene to Donald De Tamosie. Their wedding date has not been set.

OBITUARY

Berkeley Second — Herbert Frederick Layton, beloved husband of Nonnie Layton, and father of Herbert and Wynne. Died Feb. 7, 1953.

Dimond—Bro. Geo. Bagley, a former high councilman of Oakland stake, died in Oregon Jan. 30. Our sympathies are extended Mrs. Linford Pearce of Dimond Ward.

Births

Pleasant Hill—A daughter, Jan, born to Wendell and Marjorie Jackson Friday, Feb. 13.

A son, John Howe, born to Ellan and Lester Swayze.

Concord—Born to Mrs. Jean Paquette, a son, Timothy Jack.

Berkeley First Ward—Mr. and Mrs. Lon Hutchinson announce the arrival of a baby boy, born on Valentine's Day.

Bishop and Mrs. LeRoi B. Gardner recently welcomed a new grandson, Daniel Allen Barker. JoAnn and Allen now have two little boys.

Claremont—Earl and Marge Wood Remington, long time members of Claremont Ward but now residing in Salt Lake welcomed a boy, Rex Earl, as their second child.

Berkeley Second—Valerie Farr, born Feb. 20 to Nonnie and Boyd Farr.

Alameda—Born to R. M. and Marylin Petersen Wagner Feb. Feb. 4, a bay girl called Doreen.

Hayward Ward—To Wayne and Dolores Russell, twins, a boy and a girl,born Dec. 18, 1952, named Jeffery Glenn and Judith Ann.

Allen and Joyce Allred are the proud parents of a girl, Angela, born Dec. 15, 1952. Allen is stationed at Camp Parks.

To Carl and Grace Hansen, the baby was born Jan. 23, 1953 and is named Christine.

Napa Ward—A baby girl, their first child, was born at the Vallejo Permanente hospital Sunday, February 15, to Mrs. Betty Olive Francom, wife of Lee Francom of Napa. The child was named Debra Lynn.

Society

Napa Ward—Lady members of the Napa Ward who are also members of the Heart Friend club met at the home of Mrs. Catherine Woolley February 6 to exchange rhymed witticisms and draw secret Heart Friends for the ensuing year. In charge of refreshments were Phyllis Keller and Pauline King. Special guests were Mrs. Mamie Young Marshall of Idaho Falls, Idaho and Mrs. Rose Mangus of Bountiful, Utah.

Hal Gaisford Now Penn Mutual Mgr.

Few men have risen faster or won more production prizes in life insurance than Harold R. Gaisford of Berkeley Stake.

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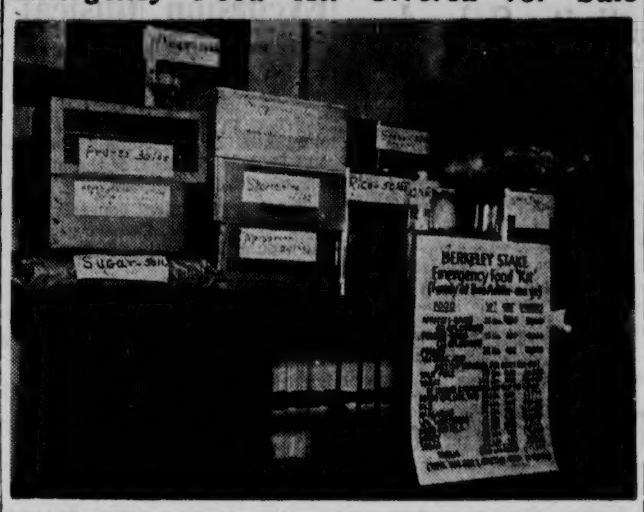

EXHIBITION and charts of the emergency food kits were shown at Berkeley Stake Conference, Feb. 15. Information on same available from you High Priests' Quorum and Food Conservation Committee.
—Photo by Ed A. Pyle.

John Longden's Stories Told At Stake Conference In Berkeley February 15

A cow in Canada is reported as saying to the farm hand who started milking her, "Thanks for the warm hand." I have also appreciated the warm hand of fellowship in your stake.

Speaking into a ribbed microphone is like kissing a girl thru a picket fence. It's all right if you hit the right spot.

Bitter Honey

A member of the Church in the Southern States raised bees for market honey; but one year he had a loss because the honey carried a bitter taste.

He followed the bees to find out the cause of the bitter flavor in the honey. The bees were seen to come from the rear of a bottling works. There in old barrels the bees had found a mass of discarded synthetic sweet and had carried this to the hives. They had done this instead of gathering the sweet natural nectar from the flowers.

What are our children feeding upon? Truth from reading good books about our heavenly Father, and His truths, or only man-made writings? Are our children feeding on literary trash that often corrupts, or on the four standard works of the Church?

Minister Comes To Utah

Next door to Elder Longden's father's home in England lived a Methodist minister who decided to go to Utah to convert the Mormons. He came, saw, and studied, and eventually applied for baptism. He returned to England as a missionary and helped convert the senior Longden.

Poor Convert Prospers

A convert who had come to Salt Lake City found himself out of work and unable to find employment. But he kept on trying and praying. Yet he was unsuccessful. Finally one day he even knelt by a tree in the parked area on a city street. Then he found an opening. Today he owns three retail business places and has recently volunteered to go as a missionary to his old home.

A Cripple Builds Chapel

A story come from San Bernardino of a young man with a desire to spread the Gospel but who could not do missionary work because a spastic condition hindered his speech. Yet, he could use tools.

He volunteered to spend the time of a mission working on mission chapels where the saints and friends could gather to hear the Gospel preached.

A Cobbler Converted

A shoe cobbler in Salt Lake City whose shop was in a store basement on a busy street noticed that one day each week at a certain hour there was a patter of little feet. He finally stopped them and asked where they were going. He learned it was to Primary. So one day he went with them and saw the teachers spending their time teaching the Gospel to little children. The stake missionary eventually taught him the doctrine and he was converted. Thru this humble character it is reported by President Joseph Fielding Smith 120 have been converted.

LIAHONAS CLUB

The March meeting of the Liahona Club was held Monday, March 2, 1953 in the balcony of the Colonial Cafeteria, Oakland, Dennis Lauper, presiding.

The business of the evening was the election of officers for the coming year. Piano selections were rendered by member Preston Ericksen after which Leslie Stone conducted the election procedure.

The club's balloting resulted in the election of Dr. C. Ronald Smith, president; M. Dee Smith (not brother) first vice-president; Preston Ericksen second vice-president; Jack Smith (not brother), secretary; and Marion Johnson, treasurer, thus giving three Smiths among the five officers.

Balloting by districts resulted in the election of the following directors: District I (Oakland, Dimond and Alameda Wards) Elmo Smith, Verl Bennett, Oren Jorgason, Ira Call, Marion Caldwell. District II (Berkeley 1st and 2nd, Claremont, both Richmond Wards and Rodeo Branch) A. D. Ericksen, Sam Scott, Elmer Stout, Phil Lewis and Don C. Wood. District III (Maxwell Park, Elmhurst, San Leandro, Hayward and Castro Valley Wards and Centerville Branch): Dale Roe, Rulon Knowles, Howard Dunn Charles Mower and Dennis Lauper.

Treasurer Oren Jorgasen distributed copies of a typed financial report for 1952, showing admission of 11 new members. Approximate replacement value of the Liahona Lodge in the Stanislaus Forest was set at $10,000 while the total uncovered liability of the club stands at less than $500. Over $4400 was raised and spent on restoring the lodge and the utility building after they had been crushed by the heavy snow pack of the winter 1951-52.

San Mateo Dedicates Chapel

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the best he had, and thus revealed our true relationship and duty to God. I hope you have experienced this personal relationship to Jesus Christ which He in turn holds to His Father. It is a real and a very glorious experience to become one with our Savior."

Gospel's Two Chief Aids

In summary Elder McKay declared that the Gospel and the Church exist to aid man two ways: perfecting character and rendering service. After all, he pointed out, these are the two first commandments stated in another way: love of God by imitating him and love of fellow man by serving him.

The president closed with the challenging question, "If you knew that this is the last day of your mortal life, how much have you that you could take back to God? You could not take back any material thing. The only things that you could take back to him are the character you have developed and the record of your unselfish service to mankind.

Lynn Hilton Named To Y Extension

Dr. Lynn M. Hilton has been appointed assistant director of the Brigham Young University Extension Division, it was announced today.

Reared in Berkeley and Oakland, son of President Eugene and Ruth Hilton, Lynn entered the University of Utah as a freshman in 1948. He completed the B.S. degree requirements in 18 months and received both the B.S. and M.S. degrees from that institution in June, 1950. He was awarded the Ph.D degree in 1952 from the University of Chicago.

At the time of his BYU appointment, he was employed as an assistant to the director of Building Surveys, Chicago Board of Education.

Dr. Hilton has an active record of church activities. He filled a mission in New England from 1945-47. He holds the priesthood ordination of high priest. He served as a guide on Temple Square from 1948-50, and as a member of a bishopric and a high council. He compiled a complete concordance of the Pearl of Great Price, and currently is compiling a combined concordance of the Standard Works of the Church.

Bishop Robert Larsen Heads National Group

Robert G. Larsen has been appointed chairman of the subcommittee on lubrications and wear of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics. The NACA was established by the congress in 1951 to supervise and direct the scientific study of the problems of flight with a view to the practical solution.

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BERKELEY STAKE

Berkeley Stake Activity Calendar

MARCH

Tues. 10—M Men-Gleaner Week Starts (Ward Activities)
Thurs. 12—Talent Show — Sunset Ward, 22nd and Lawton, San Francisco .... 8 p.m.
Fri. 13—All-star Basketball Game — Burbank Jr. High School Berkeley .... 7 p.m.
Fun Night — Berkeley Ward Chapel, Walnut & Vine (Following Game)
Sat. 14—Dinner Dance — Alameda Ward, Alameda .... 7 p.m.
Sun. 15—Testimonial Meeting - Sunset Ward - San Francisco 8 p.m.
Sat. 28—Genealogical Society Concert—Berkeley Chapel—8 p.m.

APRIL

Sat. 11—Berkeley Stake Gold & Green Ball — Richmond Auditorium .... 9 p.m.
Wed. 15—Improvement Era Campaign Closes.

Berkeley Stake Meeting Calendar

MARCH

Fri. 6—Relief Society Union Meeting, Berkeley Chapel .... 1 p.m.
Mon. 16—M. I. A. Leadership Meeting, Martinez Chapel .... 7:30 p.m.
Wed. 18—M. I. A. Claremont Ward Conference, Berkeley Chapel .... 7:30 p.m.
(Stake & Ward MIA Officers & Teachers Meet at 7 p.m.)
Thurs. 19—M. I. A. Walnut Creek Ward Conference, Walnut Creek .... 7:30 p.m.
(Stake & Ward MIA Officers & Teachers Meet at 7 p.m.)
Sat. 21—Stake Priesthood General Meeting, Berkeley Chapel 7:30 p.m
Tues. 31—Jr. M Men & Jr. Gleaner Stake Elections

Dads And Sons Gather 200

More than 200 fathers and sons of Berkeley Stake attended the three day outing held Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Feb. 21, 22 and 23 at the Bar 49 Ranch in Sonoma County.

Jointly sponsored by the YMMIA and the Aaronic Priesthood committee, it was the largest event of its kind ever held in the stake. Athletic and campground games, hiking, shooting and other outdoor games were featured during the outing.

Highlights of the affair included a campfire meeting Saturday night which was conducted by Gordon Hawkins, scout executive and member of Walnut Creek Ward. Stunts, singing, stories and short talks were included in the program.

Sunday Services Reverent

On Sunday morning a combination Sunday school, sacrament and testimony meeting was held. It was a fine spiritual meeting which featured excellent talks by President Emery R. Ranker and Delbert Rock, who also conducted. Several musical numbers were offered by the newly formed camp quartette. Fine testimonies of both fathers and sons added greatly to the reverence of the meeting.

Six fine meals were served to the group by Robert Hammond and Ray Balmforth. The entire group was loud in its praises of the wholesome and tasty fare. Boys with bottomless pits for stomachs came back for "seconds" and even "thirds" and "fourths".

Committee In Charge

The committee in charge included the Berkeley Stake YMMIA executives, Kirke M. Decker, Superintendent, George H. Macey and Sidney F. Feller, Assistant Superintendents, Jack V. Evans, Stake Explorer Supervisor, Ray Balmforth and Gordon Hawkins, Scout executives, Delbert Rock and Andrew Gardner, Stake Aaronic Priesthood committee, Dr. Raymond L. Knight, Stake Scout committee chairman. Jack Evans served as general chairman of the event.

The committee was ably assisted by ward YMMIA and priesthood leaders. They all deserve special mention for their fine work but space will not permit.

Bar 49 Ranch's Story

The Bar 49 Ranch is ideally situated just 65 miles north of Berkeley in the Chiles valley in Sonoma county. It consists of 250 acres of ground with a fine lodge, kitchen bunk houses, an artificial lake, horses, playgrounds for all outdoor games. Trails through rugged mountain country and an old Indian ceremonial area with arrows to be found are also part of this ideal spot for out of door gatherings. Owned by the Human Relations Research Foundation, it was made available for the outing without cost.

Roger Magleby Now Partner in Mortuary

Robert F. Magelby, following two years apprenticeship at Berkeley Hills Chapel, has become partner with Vincent R. Caruso of Pittsburg. The Funeral Home formally known as Caruso and Welch has become Caruso and Magleby, Pittsburg.

Roger, a graduate of Mt. Diablo High School in Concord, a Navy veteran, and an ex-missionary from the Mexican and Central American Mission, attended San Francisco State College. He transferred and graduated from the San Francisco College of Mortuary Science.

With his new position he becomes one of the youngest funeral directors in the State of California.

Roger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Harold Magleby, a former bishop of Pittsburg. His wife is the former Shirley Gibbs, whose family also lives in Pittsburg. Mr. Magleby is an active member of the Church, and was just released as stake secretary and treasurer of the YMMIA so that he might act as district president of the Pittsburg district.

EAST RICHMOND WARD

Former Bishop Visits Our Ward

By LOLA MAIZIE

Separate classes for children up to the age of 7 years will be held during Sacrament meetings under the direction of parents assigned each week. The children enjoy special faith promoting stories and appropriate picture slides.

The past month's events include talks by: Denzel C. Allen and Clyde Sullivan, high counsilors; Maxine Wilson, Stake YLMIA Secretary; Ben Coats, Ward Clerk; Vernon Tipton, Leola Esperson, Dean Madsen and Isaac B. Ball, Stake Patriarch Piano Solos by Betty Reitz, and two numbers sung by the Ladies Chorus, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" and "The Lord's Prayer" by Forsythe, directed by Leola M. Esperson, accompanied by Helen Finell. This Chorus of 25 voices had the privilege of singing during the morning session of conference.

A portion of the Feb. 8 Sacrament service was under the direction of Boy Scoutmaster, Guy Bledsoe, and Douglas Anderson, Ass't. Scoutmaster. Those taking part were: Wayne Engel, Franklin Purcell, Billy Shaver, Bobby Novacek, Richard Velasquez, Malcolm Frey, James Stanley, Kenneth Davis, Gary Callaway, Richard Tweedie, Richard Forest, Keith Larson, George Stanley, Gerald Taylor, Carl Granthem and Jimmy Manzer.

Our speaker of the evening was former Bishop Charles Finell, now of Walnut Creek. It was a pleasure to welcome him and his lovely wife Helen back.

Welcome to the following new families: Loujean Bosler, Ogden 4th Ward; France Manning, Maxwell Park Ward; Althea Scott, Hailey Ward; Louise Swanson, trice Wilson, Richmond Ward.

Orinda Branch In Community Church

The Orinda Branch, Thomas S. Ferguson president, moves its Sunday School-Sacrament meeting to the excellent Orinda Community Church beginning March 8. The time for meeting will be [illegible]0 p.m. each Sunday.

Starting as an independent branch one year ago and holding meeting for that year in the sitting room of the Ferguson home at Irving Lane, Orinda, the 100-member branch now advances to more commodious and convenient quarters.

Orinda Primary has been meeting at the Community Church Recreation Hall during the past year, Thursdays at 3:30 and will continue. Their good procedure has paved the way for the new change of the Sunday meetings.

A general invitation to join in both Primary and Sunday services is extended to all.

Free Berkeley Stake Pre-Temple Excursion Musical Concert March 26

The annual free pre-temple excursion musical treat will be held this year Thursday, March 26, 8:00 p.m. in the Berkeley Chapel, announces Dr. C. Ronald Smith and Delbert H. Rock of the stake geneological committee.

These yearly talent concerts are held as send-off gatherings for the regular Easter time temple excursions. This year the trek will be made during the Easter school vacation week preceeding Easter Sunday to the Mesa Temple.

The concert program will feature top talent from over the Bay Area. No charge is made for attendance. The sponsors urge all members to bring their friends for an evening of friendly and cultural enjoyment.

BERKELEY STAKE NEWS

Mothers Of Today Guests Of Mothers Of Tomorrow

By ANNA PATTON.

The Annual Berkeley Stake Primary "Mothers and Daughters Party" held Saturday, Feb. 14, 1953, at Berkeley Chapel was a wonderful success. Bessie Braby, first counsellor to President Annetta Wood, was in charge. The Valentine motif was carried out in refreshments, decorations and games. Sister Braby made lovely necklaces of gold braid to which ceramic hearts were attached. Sister Braby is well known for her artistic expression in color and originality in this art (ceramic). The 100 happy girls were thrilled as were the mothers to receive these mother-of-pearl hearts.

The theme of all speakers was the glory and privilege of motherhood. The girls served their mothers, and then themselves.

The Sea Gull group will be graduated into Mutual in May—The Larks becoming Sea Gulls, and the Bluebirds, Larks.

Refreshments were served to 200 or more.

Primary Conference in S.L.C.

Primary Conference in Salt Lake City will be held April 3rd and 4th. All Primary workers are urged to go to conference, held two days before the opening of the general April conference.

Dave Owen

Under date of Jan. 26 the Berkeley Gazette carried a picture of Dave Owen, and Staff of Portola Junior High School. David is again president of El Cerrito High School's student body. Congratulations Dave.

Berkeley is vitally interested in the New World Archeological Foundation headed by our own Thomas S. Ferguson. Grace McKnight of the Berkeley Gazette, gave front page space for the story and a splendid photograph of Tom whom she recently interviewed on the subject.

David Wood (Claremont Ward) has crowded much into his 22 years. Harry Hansen gave a detailed account of Dave's trip in the Communist Zone of Germany, while David was on his mission in Germany. One peek behind the Iron Curtain was quite revealing. For details see Berkeley Gazette Feb. 3—it's worth reading.

Elders recently returned from "foreign" missions gave interesting reports of their mission at the Stake conference. Elder Scott from the Swedish Mission, Elder Douglas Hinckly from the Mexican Mission, Elder Wood from the German Mission, also Elder Walton who has been laboring in the New England States Mission.

BERKELEY STAKE NEWS

Blood Bank Plans For All

By M. ELMO CARR

During the past year donations to the Berkeley Stake Blood Bank have amounted to ten pints. Twelve pints have been used. The extra two pints used were on hand from the previous year. Perhaps a far greater amount of blood was used by our members than went through the bank.

In many cases persons in the wards donated directly to the individuals needing the blood. It would be much simpler if all replacements were handled directly through the Blood Bank rather than to solicit direct donations from friends or relatives.

If each quorum would take the responsibility to have members donate to the blood bank one pint each month we would have more than enough to take care of the needs for the membership of our stake. Quorum presidencies are requested to make immediate appointments of a member to work with Brother Elmo Carr in carrying out this program.

Donations are to be made at Alameda County Blood Bank, Medical Association Building, 354 21st Street, Oakland. Appointments should be made in advance and can be made by calling Glencourt 2-2840. Have them give the credit to Church of Jesus Christ of L.D.S. Berkeley Stake.

For those needing blood the doctors always request it direct from the Blood Bank and charge it up to the patients. For replacement you should call your bishop or quorum representative to have him get in touch with me. Give the hospital, doctor's name and number of pints used.

Let's make this program work, by getting a surplus in the bank as it should be, so that the stake membership can feel free to call for blood. This is a real chance to help our brethren in need.

For further questions or problems on the blood bank call M. Elmo Carr, Th. 3-6215.

Claremont

BB Team Makes Outstanding Record

By JULIA BARRETT.

We are all proud of our wonderful basketball team with the top record of 14 wins, two losses for the season. Although Palo Alto defeated us, Coach Scott Bybee and the team put up a courageous fight. Names of the team members are:

Jim Bragg, Vincent Wood, Chad Smith, Austin Smith, Phill Willsey ,Frank Millward, Gene Bramhall and Neil Faucett. Coach Bybee states: "I appreciate very much the fine sportsmanship and cooperation displayed by the team members throughout the season."

It is delightful to welcome home Elder David Wood who has been in Germany on a mission. Friends and relatives enjoyed hearing of Dave's varied experiences and growing testimony, both at Sacrament meeting Feb. 8 and the afternoon session of Stake Conference, Feb. 15.

A Court of Honor was held Feb. 4 at Berkeley Ward for our troop, 18. New Tenderfoot Scouts are Wallace Carr, David Leighthon and Russell Watkins. Larry Kingston received his First Class and Jim Mason his Second Class ratings. Merit badges were awarded to Delbert Ellsworth, Richard Bain, Leroy Brown, Bob Mason, Jim Mason and Larry Kingston. Congratulations to these Scouts for their hard work and also for the outstanding handicraft display at Berkeley High School during Boy Scout Week.

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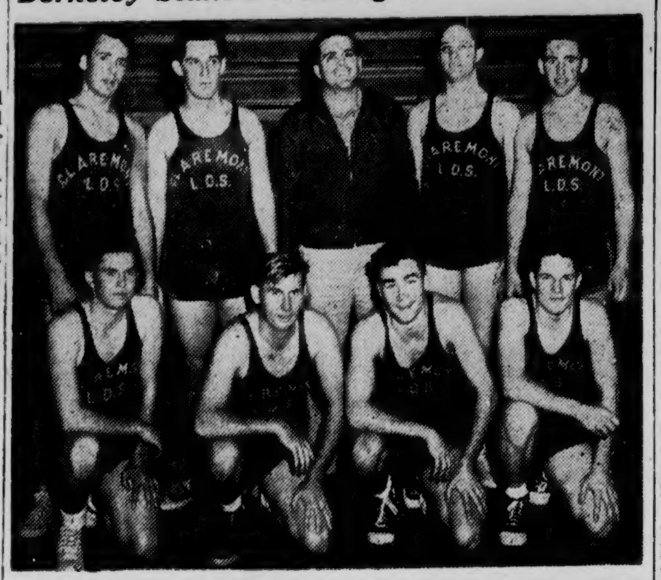

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LEFT TO RIGHT, lower row: Neil Fausett, Jim Bragg, Vince Wood, Chad Smith. Upper row: Gene Bramhall, Frank Millward, Scott Bybee (coach), Austin Smith and Phil Willsey.—Photo by Ed A. Pyle.

'Gene' Gibbs, Harold Glenn Now Building Contractors

Launching a full fledged building contracting business in the East Bay, two of Berkeley Stake's most valued workers, "Gene" Gibbs and Harold Glenn fulfil a long time dream, we are told.

Gene spent six years before coming to Berkeley in home building on large developments near Pendleton, Oregon. Before that he had important work on the Grand Coulee dam.

Harold, a graduate engineer, has been building on his own for many years.

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L.D.S. Congressman Sends Greetings

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RODEO

Dads And Sons Join In Camping

By Margie Hayden

Twenty-one fathers and sons attended the week end camping at St. Helena. The boys are Aaronic Priesthood members.

The Primary drive for the Children's Hospital has been successful.

Valoy Pebbles, new Primary teacher, has the Zions Boys and Girls group in El Sobrante.

The Relief Society needs the help of all our ladies to complete Rodeo's Welfare sewing assignment. Thanks; keep coming; earn joy!

The branch donated 51½ dozen cookies to the VFW Auxiliary for distribution to the troops at Camp Stoneman who are about to leave for Korea.

The Junior Gleaners whose teacher is Elsie Smith had a Keepsake Party. Their mothers were guests and each presented her daughter with some family keepsake she'd saved for her.

Geraldine Wanlass has been sustained as MIA pianist.

A group of MIA members attended the Sweetheart Ball in Richmond.

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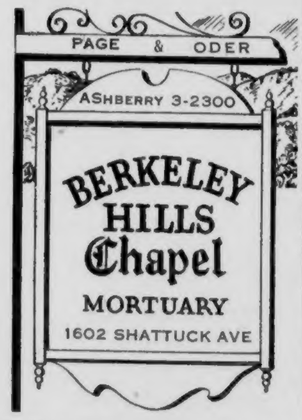

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SANTA ROSA STAKE

Santa Rosa Stake Conference

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cedure of conducting a Scout meeting Dr. Mark Brockbank of the high council told of his experiences in Germany when he was an official of the L.D.S. Scout movement there while the Hitler government attempted to pervert the Scout movement to a Nazi organization with the result the Church dissolved its German troops. Elder Brockbank said he was one of a family of six Eagle Scouts.

Stake MIA Play Wins High Praise

By JAMES C. YOUNG

The stake M.I.A. play, with cast members coming from every ward in the stake, was presented at Santa Rosa February 20. The appropriate stage settings were furnished by the merchants of Santa Rosa. Director of the excellent and well received three-act drama was Naomi Cheney.

Gold and Green Ball

The Santa Rosa Stake Gold and Green Ball was held March 7 in the Veterans' Memorial hall, Santa Rosa.

The stake Rose Prom for teenagers was held at the Santa Rosa chapel February 21 with girls 14 and 15 years of age, and boys 14, 15 and 16 in attendance.

R.S. Potluck Supper

The Santa Rosa Stake Relief Society Board enjoyed a planned potluck supper at the home of President and Sister Byrne in Santa Rosa January 31. Under the direction of President Ruth Pell the ladies served the dinner in honor of their husbands.

VALLEJO 2nd WARD

Ward to Support Organ Recital

By FARGENE SEVERSON

The Men-Men Gleaner class recently enjoyed a progressive dinner.

Friday, Feb. 13, at the Sweetheart Ball, an excellent orchestra provided the music.

A pot-luck dinner, sponsored by the Primary was held in order to raise money for the building fund.

The M-Men and Gleaners of our ward are urged to remember the stake M-Men and Gleaner week end Mar. 13-15. Much preparation has been made so that the trip to Santa Rosa for this occasion should be worthwhile.

Ukiah Ward

Green 'n Gold And Sweetheart Balls

The past month's events of Ukiah Ward include the Gold and Green Ball held Jan. 23, with the Mello-Aires Orchestra playing. Two-thirds of the attendance were teen-agers who were dressed in formals and danced one hundred per cent. Floor show was the presentation of a wedding cake and presents for Jim Jordon and his new bride Clara (Carter) Jordon. Wilton Mason, Supt. of YMMIA was master of ceremonies.

A reception was held in Ukiah Chapel Jan. 16, for Duane Southwick and his bride Alicia (Alwen) Southwick.

February 2 ,was the eventful date of a shower at the Ukiah Chapel in honor of Bill Muschetti and his bride Flora (Call) Muschetti.

The Sweetheart Ball, February 13, was a joyous occasion. A ham dinner by the Boy Scouts Troop No. 49 was held March 4.

Santa Rosa Stake Conference Visited; Call New Patriarch

By ISAAC B. BALL

The doors were wide open and we walked right in. There was much to see and enjoy in the Santa Rosa Conference.

Sunday, Feb. 8, saw three Berkeleyites leave after priesthood meeting for Vallejo. Ed Cox chauffeured, Sister Cox managed. The rest was baggage.

Dave Cox, Ed's brother, had driven 140 miles to conference from Willits in the heart of the redwood empire where he trucks logs on a $22,000 outfit he owns; serves as counselor also in the branch.

Willits kept coming to our attention. The 13 members there haven't been getting the Messenger, it seemed half of 'em "buzzed" us for reasons. Harold Southwick is branch president.

Ukiah Ward

Know Ukiah? Approximately 100 miles above Vallejo, Lee Southwick is father of Ukiah's 84 L.D.S. families, one being that of W. I. Mason, gladiolus specialist, and regular large-scale exhibitor at the greater state and county fairs—and ribbon winner too.

New Patriarch for Santa Rosa

Perhaps the chief joy of the day at the Santa Rosa Stake conference was to see our very choice friend, William K. Davis, Ukiah owner of a large shoestore business sustained as the second stake patriarch to share duties with Patriarch Henry Peterson of Napa.

Lamanite Speaks Fervently

We'd never before heard a real gospel address by a full-blooded Indian, but a distinguished Lamanite from the reservation at Stewart's Point on the coast west of Santa Rosa delivered an intelligent talk in good fluent English with the true gospel fervor.

Fomer Oakland, Berkeley Men

Ronald Cheney serves on Santa Rosa Stake's high council and has served as bishop of Santa Rosa Ward..."Tommy" Augur came in Navy uniform from the Vallejo Navy Yards. Harry Crowther and Arland Olson greeted us heartily as formerly in Berkeley and Richmond Wards.

FAIRFIELD BRANCH

Chapel Building Committee Formed

Fairfield Branch plans to hold their Gold and Green Ball March 28, probably at the Suisun Valley Farm Center Hall.

A chapel building committee has been formed, with former branch president J. Alden Blaisdell in charge. The chapel fund drive will be officially started April 8 with a kick-off dinner. Final plans have not been made as to the location of the dinner.

Meetings are now being held at the Suisun Firehouse so a chapel is most urgently needed. Site for the proposed chapel will be on a rise of ground north of Fairfield, part of the branch's welfare farm.

The welfare farm has a fine crop of barley, although excessive rain the early part of this year damaged part of the crop. Members of the priesthood plowed under the poor barley and replanted that portion of the farm.

Hyrum Nelson has been appointed second counselor in the branch presidency, filling the vacancy left when Harold Hegyessy, a major in the Air Force stationed at nearby Travis Air Force Base, was transferred to Texas.

Conf. Gems From Berkeley Chapel

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Section Four Read

'Therefore if ye have desires to serve God ye are called to the work...

"And faith, hope, charity and love, with an eye single to the glory of God, qualify him for the work.

"Remember faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, charity, humility, diligence."

If the seven verses of section four in the Doctrine and Covenants were read in the home once a week, how they would powerfully influence the children and bring the desire for missionary service to all.

New Missionary Fund

A new missionary fund has recently been set up by the General Authorities to which anyone may contribute at any time to aid missionary work throughout the Church. One may specify where the funds may preferably be spent.

Book of Mormon Views; Current Expedition News

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gists in the field are of the opinion that most of the settlements are pre-Maya and very ancient. The Maya story begins about 400 A.D.—right where the Book of Mormon stops. If the discovered towns and cities are pre-Maya, settlements for the mast part. We shall see.

How soon we shall see depends largely on the amount of digging that is done by the expedition. How much digging is done depends on how much money we can send the expedition to pay laborers and to buy equipment. Contributions are urgently needed and will be greatly appreciated. Make contributions payable to the New World Archaeological Foundation — you can deduct them from your income tax. Send them to 1 Irving Lane, Orinda, California.

Dr. Jakeman is presently hard at work on a book which should be in a class by itself as to Book-of-Mormon geography. Only lately has there been available sufficient knowledge to enable a person to do much with Jaredite and Nephite geography. Dr. Jakeman has much fresh information to aid him in his important task. His new book should appear sometime in 1953.

I am well enough acquainted with his work to know that he will place the central Nephite homelands, Bountiful and Zarahemla, in southern Mexico—where our New World Archaeological Foundation expedition is now excavating.

Ancient Asiatic Influence

Gordon F. Ekholm of the American Museum of Natural History, New York City has come out with an interesting article showing much evidence indicating that the Mayas of southern Mexico and Guatemala apparently had connections with India, Java and Indo-China. Striking similarities between sculptuded art works of southeastern Asia, on the one hand, and Middle American Maya things, on the other hand, are shown. All illustrations used from New World date from after the close of The Book of Mormon—so at this time we have no apparent conflicts here with the Mormon position that prior to 400 A.D. the cultures of Middle America should reflect those of Palestine and the Near East. Ekholm, an outstanding archaeologist, is on the advisory committee of the New World Archaeological Foundation.

Capable of Crossing Pacific

The article by Dr. Ekholm is entitled "A Possible Focus of Asiatic Influence in the Late Classic Cultures of Mesoamerica" and it appears in the January, 1953 MEMOIRS OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY. An ever-increasing volume of evidence is cropping up sustaining the Mormon claim that the ancients were capable of crossing the Pacific ocean centuries before Columbus. And some of the leading scholars are beginning to take The Book of Mormon somewhat seriously.

Jewish Reporter Interested

The Jan. 29 edition of the Berkely Gazette carried a front page story about the expedition of the N.W.A.F. The idea that intrigued the Gazette reporter, Grace McKnight, most was the III Nephi claim that Christ appeared in the New World after his crucifixion. This concept is not well known outside of Mormonism. A reporter for THE NATIONAL JEWISH POST read the Gazette article, got in touch with me, and found we have some evidence sustaining the Mormon claim that there were some Israelites in a particular part of the New World in ancient times. He is now reading The Book of Mormon and our book, Ancient America and the Book of Mormon", with the idea of doing an article for his Jewish newspaper concerning our expedition. Interesting development —isn't it?

Lakeport News

By MAUD PEARSON.

On the first Sunday in January Leith S. Pearson was released as president of the Lakeport Branch with a hearty vote of thanks for the good work that he has done in six years of service with the aid of counsellors, Sheldon Bell and William Teschler. These men deserve to be remembered for their faithful service while the Church was being established here.

Brother Clarence Bullard was sustained as the new president with counsellors Eldon Beebe and Val. Kelly, with clerk, William Teschler.

Most of the auxiliary officers and teachers remain as they are for the present at least.

A party is being planned, details of which are not yet available.

We are happy to see the Primary growing so fast. Sister Bullard and her counsellors, Audra Sheldon and Ruth Beebe, are working hard to keep up a good attendance.

"Wherefore, if ye shall build up my Church upon the foundation of my gospel and my rock, the gates of hell shall not prevail against you." (D.&C. 18:5).

Concord

Concord Increased First Year 74 Percent

By NETTA. C. SKIDMORE.

On March first we had been a ward one year. starting with a membership of 267 we now have 465 members and at least 20 more waiting for membership certificates. Much enthusiasm has been shown in making pledges for our chapel which we are in great hopes of having within the next two years.

Concord ward held their Sweethearts Ball February 6. Our ward orchestra furnished the music.

The special interest group and Elders' Quorum enjoyed a potluck dinner February 27, followed by dancing to the ward orchestra's music.

Relief Society

At a work and business meeting February 10 at Sister Margaret Brugert's, a recent convert, a wonderful lunch was served to 21 by Sister Brugert. As a special feature of interest, Sister Phelps, mother of Danna Bates and Winnifred Spuhler, told of her experiences in England and showed many interesting items she had brought back with her from her recent missionary labors.

Mrs. Elsie Neilson has had an appendectomy but is getting along fine. Norma Erickson has been hospitalized but is at home again with her family.

Choir Organized

A choir has been organized with over 20 members. Sister Wittwere is the leader.

Plans for our chapel have been completed and are now being inspected by all members of the ward.

The Aaronic priesthood members combined business with pleasure last Saturday, while burning the walnut cuttings on our church property. They roasted weenies and all had fun.

Welcome

We welcome Brother and Sister Baldwin and family to Concord from Fairfield, Idaho. They have three boys, two away at college and one in Korea. Two of the boys have fulfilled full-time missions; two teenage girls reside with the family and one daughter is married and lives in Idaho.

Baptized and Confirmed

Sister Dorothy Thomas was baptized and confirmed last month and her four little girls blessed. William Thomas Arnold and Denise Mulmberg were baptized and confirmed.

PLEASANT HILL WARD

Sacrament Meetings Attendance Stressed

By DORA FRIEDRICH

Bishop's Message: One of the most important Church activities for all of us is attending Sacrameet meetings.

What we derive from these meetings depends largely on ourselves. If we attend to renew our covenants and to reflect upon our blessings, we shall never go away without receiving the spiritual strength.

We should consider seriously our responsibilities to our children and teach them the importance of attending Sacrament meetings regularly. After being baptised, they should attend whenever possible, but after reaching the age of twelve their attendance should be regular. In order to receive an individual achievement award, they are required to attend at least 50 per cent of the Sacrament meetings, and we should assist them towards this worthy goal.

—Bishop Hilton

Auxiliaries' News

The Junior Sunday School has welcomed a new nursery class teacher, Elaine Prince.

Relief Society: Lela Kaufman, president, stresses the luncheon and fashion show to be sponsored by this group on March 11. It sounds like fun! An invitation goes to all members and friends of the organization to attend.

Scouts: Air Explorer Post 168, with our own Howard Pierce as advisor, caused a lot of comment with their recent exhibition at the Scouting Exhibit held at Acalanes high school of a two-seated Luscombe, and had potential pilots by the dozens, from first grade on up, clamoring for a chance to sit in the cockpit.

Choir and Priesthood

Choir: Pleasant Hill Ward now has a choir (small to be sure) but full of the love of music. Reuben Friedrich will continue as president for Pleasant Hill, while Mrs. Mrs. Dewey Williams is the new director and Joanne Chalmers is organist. Rehearsals will begin soon.

Priesthood: Members of the Aaronic Priesthood, as well as other boys from 11 years of age and their fathers, thoroughly enjoyed the three-day Father-Son outing at the ranch near St. Helena. Wally Scott and Herb Macey made arrangements for those who attended from our Ward.

BERKELEY SECOND WARD

Ward Now Boasts 2 Deacons's Quorums

By ANNA LEA SPENCER

We now have two deacons' quorums. First quorum: advisor, Wendall Walton; president, Gary Liotta, with David Owen and Tom Hopkins counselors and Roger Thulin secretary. Second quorum: advisor, Eugene Jacobs; president, Richard Jensen, with Bob Stengel and Eldon Ream counselors and Neil Larson secretary. Their newest member is David Larson who graduated from Primary in January.

Albert Dietliker was released with a vote of thanks for his many years of fine service as chairman of the ward geneological committee. Frank H. Crockett was sustained as the new chairman. Very interesting adult geneological classes are being taught seach Sunday morning by Leanore Ream Robinson.

Russell Ball, Layton Lloyd, Oliver Fullmer have been appointed instructors in the priesthood classes for the Senior Aaronics. One couldn't ask for finer teachers!

Mrs. Delsa Walton awarded honorary Life Membership Certificate to Lois Sconberg, at the recent Founders' Day P.T.A. meeting in Albany. Mrs. Walton is president of the Albany Board

BERKELEY FIRST WARD

Book Review At R. S. Birthday Party

By MARGARET FIFE

Emma Taylor will review "The Nine Brides and Granny Hite", a mountain folk tale, on Tuesday, March 17, at the annual Relief Society birthday party.

The Berkeley First Ward Relief Society now owns a new electric sewing machine, purchased with proceeds from the rummage sale.

Connie Sparks, polio case at Children's Hospital, Oakland, is featured in a picture in the Berkeley Gazette recently. Easter bonnets was the theme and Connie was smiling broadly into a mirror.

Berkeley's M.I.A. was awarded the rating of "excellent" in the recent stake road show. "Oscars" went to Margaret Kimber, directing; Bud Stone, original music; and Bob Allison, lighting. Outstanding actor's rating was given Laura Summerhays.

Berkeley First Ward's outstanding event of the season was the annual welfare bazaar, Mar. 7, under chairmanship of Wesley T. Odell, the "Spring Blossom Festival."

New officers and teachers in the M.I.A. include Shirley Eastman, dance director; Lucille Spencer, secretary; Carolyn DeLaMare, Mia Maid leader; Martha Leigh Haynes, Second Year Beehive leader.

For the Berkeley First-Berkeley Second-Claremont Gold and Green Ball it is hoped that the new Claremont amusement hall will be ready for a thrilling evening.

Victor Cline is now teaching the Second Intermediate S.S. class.

Twenty-nine Sunday School

of Education.

Thanks to Bill Crockett for his authentic scale model of the Primary Hospital for the collection of birthday pennies. The Seagull Girls spent a wonderful Washington's birthday cooking their own breakfast at the home of their teacher, Leah Radcliffe. The Bluebird Girls made cookies and took them to "Shut-Ins".

Please save the third week end (date to be announced) to hear our local talent and guests in a musical and dramatic treat. It all helps pay the ward welfare fund.

The Bee Hive girls are doing a splendid work (to fill their cells) of baby sitting for Sacrament services. The mothers of young children (under 6) are very grateful.

The music of the Singing Mothers was enjoyed at our joint Sacrament meetings Feb. 22 and at Relief Society Conference Mar. 1.

We welcome into our ward Faye and Keith Henry and two sons from Pasadena

We are very proud of David Ream and David Owen who be-
The Elders' Party was a big
came Eagle Scouts this month.
success Feb. 20. Thanks to Harold McNamara, Ned Clyde, Lowell Flamm and Clyde Derr.

workers attended a recent faculty meeting at the Reed H. Chase home led by efficient [illegible] and Sister Pyle.

The combined Berkeley First and Second Ward Primary reports outstanding success in the penny drive. Over one hundred dollars will be sent to the Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City.

A heart welcome is extended to the following newcomers to our ward: Daryl E. Bucciar[illegible], 1317 Northside Ave.; Stanley [illegible] Jupp, 1422 6th St.; Hyrum [illegible] Winters, Jr., 1129 Dartmouth; Richard A. Ulrich, 1612 Francisco; Leonard D. Seader, 2023 Francisco; Donna Marie McK[illegible], 1621 Walnut, Apt. 5; Richard A. Mason, 1672 Oxford; [illegible] Stutz, 1528 Virginia; Dani[illegible] Sullivan, Navy Dental Corps, Treasure Island; Richard A. [illegible]man, 2131 Rose St.

Berkeley First Ward Fathers and Sons were well represented among the 200 plus at the Fathers' and Sons' outing held at St. Helena, Feb. 21, 22, and 23.

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Missionary Couple Have Joyous Time

REPORT BY RUFUS AND WINNIFRED PHELPS

When Bishop Elmo Smith in 1949 first talked to us regarding a mission we explained that Richard was attending the Brigham Young University, and we felt that he should go upon his mission first and then we would be willing to go.

Richard left for his mission on July 13, 1950, and on March 3, 1951, we sailed from New York for the British Isles, the home of our ancestors.

Arriving in London March 8 we were assigned to the Norwich District in the city of Lowestoft, a fishing port on the east coast of England.

Branch 85 Years Old

Lowestoft Branch is 85 years old, and has a membership of 150. We were assigned to work with inactive members, many of whom had entirely lost their testimony of the Gospel. Although we were unable to re-activate any of these members we were privileged to baptize several good and faithful persons who are now helping to carry on the work of that branch.

After nine months in Lowestoft we were transferred to Norwich where we labored for three months before being transferred to Ipswich with a special assignment to take charge of and to make necessary improvements on the mission home.

The branch at Ipswich, only three years old, includes about 60 very active members. Their testimonies of the Gospel, faithfulness and devotion to the work of the Lord was an inspiration. In several American bases in the vicinity of Ipswich, many of our boys attend meetings and assist in carrying on the work of the Sunday School and the M.I.A.

Birmingham District

With feelings of regret we were transferred from Ipswich to the Birmingham District. Here again our assignment was to take charge of and to make some greatly needed improvements in the mission home which the Church has owned for over 50 years. Of the 15 missionaries in the Birmingham District five lived at the mission home. Each Saturday we met at the mission home for report meetings or study classes and to enjoy good American cooked food and happy associations together. Along with the assignment in Birmingham, Elder Phelps served as branch President of the Wolverhampton Branch a very small branch with only two adult members.

Highlight of Mission

The highlight of our mission was our visit to Scotland where we met our good friends, the Hiltons, and attended the dedication of the beautiful, reconditioned Glasgow chapel. The following day we were invited to accompany President and Sister McKay, President and Sister Richards and the missionaries of the Scottish District on a trip through the locks and the trossachs. This trip was especially interesting as President McKay told stories and recounted incidents and experiences of his mission in this land 50 years ago.

We also had an opportunity to visit Cambridge University, Stratford-on-Avon, and many interesting places connected with English history.

Sight-Seeing in Europe

Before returning home we spent three weeks on the continent visiting in Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Italy and France, attending meetings in Amsterdam and Nice, visiting the temple site in Switzerland and the beautiful new mission home in Paris.

Hope To Go Again

We will always be grateful for the opportunity to represent our Church and to teach the Gospel to a few of the people of Great Britain. It was a glorious experience and one which we hope to repeat in a few years.

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Alameda County

Alameda County Keeps Hundredth Birthday Time

County's First Anglo-Saxon Child Was Born of Mormon Parents

By **ANNALEONE D. PATTON.**

Alameda County is observing her centenary. In March 1853 Alameda County was created by slicing sprawling Contra Costa County in twain, and grafting on a shoulder from Santa Clara County which lay along the southeast shore of San Francisco Bay.

John Horner, LDS, First Anglo-Saxon Settler In Alameda County

John M. and Elizabeth Horner came to San Francisco on the Mormon ship "Brooklyn" in 1846. A few weeks later they went to work for John Marsh at Marsh's Landing (Antioch) in March 1847. They saddled their horses and rode through the redwoods (now Redwood Canyon, Oakland) to near Mission San Jose.

In what would someday become Irvington they slipped from their saddles and began making plans for a home of their own. A year later a baby boy blessed this new home—first white child born in what was to become Alameda County—its first native son.

Story of Horner

John Horner, a Mormon convert from New Jersey, married Elizabeth a short time before the Brooklyn sailed. She was the "Bride of the Brooklyn."

John Horner was the first white American Anglo-Saxon to settle in Alameda County. There were only four Anglo-Saxons on this side of San Francisco Bay at that time—Marsh, Welsh, Livermore and Horner.

Horner Built Schools

Horner built the first school house in 1850 (at Centerville). The Mormons held services there and later allowed the Methodists and Presbyterians to use their school house chapels for services. The first Presbyterian church in Alameda County was organized in the little Mormon edifice.

John Horner Prosperous Leader

He initiated many industrial and commercial enterprises, as well as being a leader in religious, cultural and social life. When Parley P. Pratt was president of the California Mission; Elder John M. Horner was president of the only branch of the Latter-day Saints Church on the east side of San Francisco Bay. His financial aid to stranded or destitute Mormon missionaries out-bound from San Francisco would total many thousonds of dollars.

Sent Trees to Utah

He also sent rare and valuable trees, shrubs, cuttings and slips to President Brigham Young. He had a personal correspondence with all church presidents from Brigham Young to Joseph F. Smith.

Latter-day Saints Take Pride—

In the birth month of the centennial year of our county the Latter-day Saints may justly be proud of the fact stated above, that the first Anglo-Saxon to settle in Alameda Couny was a Latter-day Saint.

Mrs. Josephine Horner Blacow, last child of John Horner, recently commented on her father. She told of her happy childhood in Alameda County where her father (John Horner) was a wealthy man at one time. She paid him this tribute:

"My father used neither liquor nor tobacco in any form, nor would he allow a pack of cards on his farms. He is rightfully the first farmer of California."

Josephine Horner Blacow, 93, daughter of John Horner died in Anaheim, California, the last surviving child of John Horner. She made the statement above quoted about her father to Hal Higgins of Oakland.

Mrs. David O. McKay Tells Of Ancestors On Ship Brooklyn

The grandparents, Robbins, of Sister McKay, who came to California in 1846 from New York City on the ship Brooklyn were Methodists from Trenton, New Jersey.

Thus spoke Mrs .McKay in cheery, animated fashion at the dedicatory services in San Mateo Ward chapel, Sunday, February 22, 1953.

Missionaries found the couple and converted the wife, but the young husband was stiff in opposition to the new Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

But eventually he saw the light, and became as ardent as before he had been cold. The owner of a large, fertile farm and its two-story farm home, and many cattle and horses, Elder Robbins sold it and gave all to the Church excepting one penny.

Soon they heard of the Church plan of sending a colony on the Ship Brooklyn to California under Sam Brannan. Elder Robbins paid $50 down and gave a promise to work out the balance due.

On shipboard, it was related, the couple lived on a sparse diet which included rice and molasses three times a day. Grandmother Robbins later said she felt that she did not desire to even see rice or molasses again much less to eat them.

On landing they turned their attention to paying the debt for their passage. Sister Robbins said to her husband, "You go to work and I'll care for the children and sell eggs." She sold eggs to the miners at $1.00 each, and made and sold little pies at $1.00 a piece. Elder Robbins worked for Brannan two years before the gold fever struck San Francisco.

The Robbins soon prepared to journey to the Great Salt Lake where the body of the Church had settled. Grandmother Robbins decided to make jams and jellies from California's abundance of fruits and take them to Salt Lake for the saints in that desert colony. Two wagons were loaded with jams and jellies.

But in crossing the Sierra she saw one of these wagons dashed to pieces down a mountainside. But she gave the one wagon load as a treat to the saints in Salt Lake Valley.

Sister McKay concluded: "Give the best you have to the Church of God and the best will come back to you."

Berkeley LDS Inst Opens Spring Term

The University of California has reconvened for the spring semester with a total enrollment several hundred below last year.

Many new LDS students have enrolled at the Institute. Among these are: Bonnie Alexander, Santa Rosa; Lorna Anderson, Utah; Barbara Beckett, El Cerrito; Caroyln Brady, Berkeley; Claude B. Duerden, Utah; Jack Fields, Oakland; Jack Fuller, Tucson, Arizona; Joseph Guarino, Pittsburg; Francis C. Higham, Oakland; C. Douglas Hinckley, Pittsburg; Ted Kolb, Port Chicago; Doreen Lindsay, Berkeley; Richard Mason, Berkeley; Phil Squires, Utah; and David L. Wood, Berkeley. All of these students are eligible for membership in the LDS fraternity and sorority Lambda Delta Sigma.

Lambda Delta Sigma

The Lambda Delta Sigma officers chosen for the spring semester at the Institute are: Omega Chapter of Lambda Delta Sigma, president Nadine Stoddard, Natalie Neff, vice president; Joann Sabine, secretary; Kay Brown, treasurer. The officers for the Alpha Chapter of Lambda Delta Sigma are: president, Dick Evans; vice-president, Lyle Trammel and secretary Bob Allison.

Personal Items

Dick Evans returned this week from Mexico City where he visited with his parents for two weeks during the University vacation.

Morris Cline, Julian Sanders and Lyle Trammell spent their vacation in Southern California, returning with a real sun tan from facing the 86 degree sunshine in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fuller, former students of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kenner at the University of Arizona, are attending the University of California this semester. Mr. Fuller recently returned from the French mission.

Douglas Hinckley recently rereturned from Mexico City where he has served as an LDS missionary. He has enrolled at the University of California as a Spanish major.

Lieutenant Gordon Davis has returned to the University of California after serving as a front line artillery officer in Korea. Now released from military duty he will pursue his studies in law. His wife, Joyce Davis, has lived in Berkeley while Gordon was away.

Victor Cline recently returned from Washington D. C. where he has been offered an excellent position. First Vic will complete work for a Ph. D. degree this June. He and his wife Lois live in Berkeley.

Albert Anderson was recently accepted at the University of California Medical school.

Bruce Harless has been accepted at Stanford Medical school.

Two of our lovely young Mormons recently became engaged: Mary Aschmann of Albany and Lorrin Todd of Susanville.

Thirty Lamba Delta Sigma members went skiing on Washington's birthday.

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Memory Gardens For Northern California Open In Concord

Memory Gardens, a new 67-acre endowed Memorial Park Cemetery designed of a garden-theme throughout, will soon be opened on State Highway 4 just outside of Concord, California. Located on the old McKean ranch the lawn-type, no headstone memorial park has been designed to serve all of northern California.

The addition of Memory Gardens to the growth of this part of the State is currently being heralded by civic leaders as a huge asset to surrounding East Bay communities.

Engaging the garden theme, the 67 acre institution will feature 27 fully-developed gardens. Each garden will contain a monument built of masonry and marble. All monuments will be fully illuminated at night and surrounded by blue pools of water.

Bryan Shary, supervisor of Public Relations for Memory Gardens, states that the use of a garden theme will allow the memorial park to depict the Life of Christ in 27 beautifully landscaped gardens. "The life of the Church and the Memorial Park ideal are closely affiliated througout history", he stated.

Current plans call for $100,500 worth of lawns, 27 garden monuments costing $162,000, $100,000 worth of water and sprinkler systems, immediate planting of $8,000 worth of trees and shrubbery and $10,000 in general equipment. The water system makes provision for at least seven wells throughout the project.

Mr. Shary pointed out that the Administration Building of Memory Gardens has an expansive frontage of 180½ feet. Colored glass in front will be magnificent back-drops for pools of water holding submerged lights as well as flood lights for night display.

Among the funeral parlors welcoming Memory Gardens to northern California is Caruso and Magleby of Pittsburg. Mr. Caruso explains that the memorial park theme is the most appropriate and beautiful cemetery conception yet developed.

All our reports, resulting from several years of research, clearly indicate the need for Memory Gardens. Not only will our Memorial Park cemetery, one of the largest 100 per cent endowed in northern California, prove of tremendous asset to the immediate communities, but Memory Gardens will achieve national recognition by reason of the unique garden development throughout the entire project. Already under construction, our "Garden of the Holy Cross" and "Garden of the Lord's Prayer" are conclusive proof of a new and refreshing approach to a problem as old at the world itself.

The officials of Memory Gardens have exclaimed their amazement at the widespread acceptance of Memory Gardens prior to its opening.

"Scores of people have already reserved shrines. The response has been most gratifying, far beyond our expectations. Surprisingly, many of our reservations are coming from areas we didn't expect to serve for several years," stated Shary. "Some of our first reservations came from people living on the San Francisco Peninsula. This proved to us that Memory Gardens will quickly become an institution for all of the northern part of the state. It's a matter of whether we of Memory Gardens can keep up with the development."

Although rain prevented consistent work on the project several weeks ago, the officials of Memory Gardens expressed the belief that the project would be opened fairly close to the scheduled opening date of April 15.

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Elder Benson's Going To Catch It

Under the heading, "Elder Benson's Going to Catch It!" the Saturday Evening Post, under date of March 28, printed a four-page picture-studded article concerning the life of Ezra Taft Benson, his tough job of creating a new farm policy, and the philosophy of his Church and his forebears upon which he will base his actions as a man and a government official.

One picture in the Post article shows Secretary of Agriculture Benson smiling, sitting on his own split-rail farm fence clad in working clothes, "the 220-pound Utah preacher, beet-picking champion and farm economist, (who) wants his agricultural department to teach and educate, not to dictate or play Santa Claus."

A Family Man

Another illustration in the Post shows "Ezra and Flora Amussen Benson. She said 'Yes' only after he promised to get a college education," while a third picture exhibits "the new agricultural secretary with four of his six children in front of their Salt Lake City home."

A fourth photograph in the Post story reveals "Secretary Benson with his staff. His first act after accepting the appointment was to demand an FBI check on himself and his top appointees." Daken Broakhead sits at the head of the circle of staff members ringing Benson's desk.

The fifth and final picture which light up the Saturday Evening Post's article shows, "Benson riding with friends in Virginia. Ike said he chose this Mormon leader to help restore faith in the integrity of the government."

Benson's Former Policy

Typical of the tenor of the Post article by Harold H. Martin on Elder Benson's life and thought is this paragraph:

"During the heyday of the New Deal, when it appeared that the Government was seeking to convert the rugged individualistic, and sometimes hungry, farmer to a stall-fed complacency, he went about preaching a message of independence to farm groups all over the country.

". . . Producers, processors and consumers all fared best, he said, when agricultural products were sold in a market that operated as freely as possible under the old and irrevocable law of supply and demand. A farmer, he said, had a right to expect his government to protect him from disaster. He had no right to expect it to guarantee him a profit."

No Pay For Crops Not Grown

"Nobody should expect to be paid for crops he does not grow, goods he does not produce, or work he does not do," he said. When that happens, somebody is

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EZRA TAFT BENSON.

LIAHONAS CLUB

A. B. Kornguth, head of Sales Analysis Clinic of Oakland, gave a chart-pointed talk on salesmanship before the Liahona Club Monday evening, March 22 in the Pland restaurant's group dining room, Broadway and MacArthur.

M. Dee Smith, first v.p., conducted the meeting while Preston Erickson, second v.p., introduced the speaker.

Paying ahead for meals by the year or by the half-year at a discount saving and as a means of insuring a dependable attendance was adopted by the Club. The plan had been previously advocated by Phil Lewis as one he sees successfully in operation in all Exchange Clubs. Marion Johnson, club treasurer, later stated that most of those present came forward and paid for their dinner for the rest of the year.

Sam Scott was appointed chairman of a committee to wait upon East Bay stakes for an area-wide observance of Utah Pioneer day, July 24 at the Liahona camp site in the Stanislaus forest.

A. D. Erickson, camp site chairman announced the names of the 1953 campsite committee and also sketched the general objectives of the season's work.

Preston Erickson, club program chairman, announced that the radio newscaster, John K. Chapel, will address the April club meeting April 27 on the subject, "The Present Situation in Europe".

Pres. A. R. Olpin Univ. of Utah Visits Bay Area

Coming to Berkeley to attend the inaugural ceremonies at the installation of Chancellor Clark Kerr on the Berkeley campus of the University of California, Pres. A. Ray Olpin of the University of Utah also attended Sunday School services at the Berkeley First Ward March 20. Mrs. Olpin accompanied Dr. Olpin.

Dr. Olpin addressed by request the Gospel Doctrine class and was introduced by LeRoy C. Gardner whose family and the Chipman family of Mrs. Olpin were neighbors. Both Dr. and Mrs. Olpin attended and graduated from the Brigham Young University at Provo, it was stated.

Dr. Olpin related that he and Dr. Ernest Wilkinson, now BYU president, as BYU students comprised a "Y" debating team in an annual debate with the University of Utah, a contest which the two future college presidents lost.

Calif. Students at the U. of U.

Many students from the Bay Area and Northern California are now enrolled at the University of Utah, stated Dr. Olpin. He also stated that three-fourths of the students at the institution are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Furthermore, it was mentioned, these LDS students at the U. of U. are served by one of the most beautiful and well-staffed Church Institutions led by men like Dr. Lowell Bennion and Dr. Lyon.

The Book of Mormon Oratorio

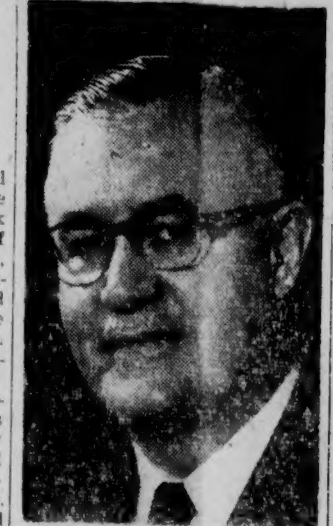
Prof. LeRoy J. Robertson of the University of Utah music department has recently written perhaps the greatest religious oratorio produced in America within the last hundred years, stated Dr. Olpin, and its theme is drawn entirely from the Book of Mormon.

This masterpiece will be given a repeat rendition April 6 in the S. L. Tabernacle by the enlarged Utah Symphony Orchestra and a chorus of 1500 voices.

Brigham Young Founded "U"

Brigham Young opened the University of Deseret (now the University of Utah) 103 years ago, a pioneer educational institution of the West. For its future permanent site the great Church leader designated 160 acres upon the east bench lands where the University is now situated.

There exists, said President Olpin, the most cordial feelings between the U. of U. and B.Y.U., united with a healthy spirit of friendly rivalry. Before the big annual football game of the two institutions a conference is held between the student officers of the two schools for mutual exchange of ideas for improvement of student body procedures in general. And a joint dance follows this annual game for pleasant fraternization of the students as a whole.



PRES. A. R. OLPIN.

'Blithe Spirit'

On Friday, May 1, the Maxwell Park Ward will present "Blithe Spirit," a three-act comedy by Noel Coward. This outstanding play will be directed by Fern Nelson.

With a group of actors drawn from Oakland Stake, this comedy promises to be one of the real

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VIVIAN WILLIAMS will take one of the leading roles in the play, "Blithe Spirit," to be presented by Maxwell Park Ward.

LEADERSHIP WEEK OPENS JUNE 15-19

Leadership Week, annual clinic for training Church and civic leaders has been scheduled for June 15 through 19, it was announced March 24 by President Ernest L. Wilkinson, chairman.

Hundreds of leaders from business, education and Church ranks are expected to assemble at BYU from all parts of the nation to attend the week-long sessions of the 30th annual Leadership Week.

Learn to Live

Plans are already underway for the event which is expected to be the most outstanding in Leadership Week in history. "Learning to Live" will theme the week-long conference.

As in past years, members of the general authorities of the Church will act as special instructors in various courses which will be offered.

According to Dr. Harold Glen Clark, executive chairman, and director of the extension division, the intensive courses of Leadership Week are to serve those who meet for several hours each day of the week on a particular subject. They will be restricted to those who register for the various courses and follow through during the entire week.

Use BYU Dorms

Housing and meal accomodations will be arranged in the university dormitories.

Courses will be concentrated into the five-day period scheduled daily from 7:45 to 8 p.m. Registration has been scheduled to begin on the same date as the regular summer registration—June 15 — and will continue throughout the week. Outstanding cultural offerings and entertainment have been planned for Leadership Week participants with most of the Week's activities open to all registrants.

Those who wish to make reservations or to register in advance are requested to communicate with the extension division, Leadership Week committee at BYU.

Seen above are Mrs. Ernest Wilkinson and Dr. Ernest Wilkinson, president of Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. Mrs. Alice Ludlow Wilkinson, who visited the S. F. Bay Region with her husband March 22 and 23, has a daughter in the Berkeley First Ward, Mrs. John Knight Mangum. John Mangum is now a law student at "Cal." Dean Lundlow, who is with United Air Lines in San Francisco ,and Bert Ludlow of Modesto, husband to former Emmy Lou Cummings, are brothers of Sister Wilkinson.

BYU President Visits Bay Area

Cleone Skousen Heard; ROTC Chorus Sings

Before an audience that over-ran far the capacity of the Berkeley LDS chapel Sunday evening, March 22, President Ernest Wilkinson and associates from the Brigham Young University spelled out the happy gospel of education at the "Y." And over all shone the working ideals of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints expressed in melody, in song and in the spoken word by visiting representatives of the Church University in Provo.

Acompanying the president on the program were Cleone Skousen, director of the BYU Alumni Asociation, an ROTC a capella chorus of 27, and four lady vocalists.

Beginning in the chapel at 7 p. m. sharp and closing there at nine, the over-flow audience adjourned to the lounge and recreation hall for another 75 minutes of refreshments, reception greetings, and a 45-minute concert by the chorus and the lady soloists And even then it was with evident reluctance that the lingering listeners saw the entertainers carried away in cars for a belated Fireside party at the Michigan Street home of the LeRoy Gardners. It was a full evening indeed.

Introductions of the Speakers

Introducing President Wilkinson was President Wayne E. Mayhew of the Stake presidency, a former BYU associate of President Wilkinson in their student days together at the "Y." "The only two pompadours on the campus, we ran for student election as editor and manager of the school paper," afterwards commented President Wilkinson.

Cleone Skousen, manager of the BYU alumni association, and former personnel director for FBI of the district comprising southern California and Arizona, was introduced by Frederick "Blackie" Huish in a characteristically witty manner.

Accompanying the college group were Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs.

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Cleone Skousen, ROTC Chorus, Four Lady Singers From BYU Heard

Cleone Skousen addressed the large audience assembled in the Berkeley chapel Sunday evening, March 22 after Pres. Ernest Wilkinson had left the meeting following his talk in order to meet an airplane schedule.

The ROTC Chorus and four lady vocalists concluded the chapel services with a reverent number, and later mounted the stage in the recreation hall to render a 45-minute a capella and solo concert of lighter numbers.

"The University of California right here in Berkeley is one of the truly great universities in the world," said Elder Skousen, "and yet tonight we bring you the spirit of a university where 97 per cent of the students are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints."

Other Faiths at BYU

"We welcome also students on the "Y" campus who are earnest Catholics, Protestants and some of Asiatic faiths, and respect them in their faiths," he added.

Elder Skousen stressed that the aim of the Brigham Young University is not for largeness in size, but for greatness of spirit, not the biggest college, but the best builder of faith and character possible.

By general opinion the a capella singing of the BYU ROTC chorus was an approach to perfection seldom if ever heard here before. So devoted to their improvements as a chorus is this group that they

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Bishopric New Oakland Fifth Ward

ont row, left to right: John M. Hughes, First Counselor; Paul E. rnick, Bishop; Roy F. Weindorf, Second Counselor. Back row: nry Hoem, Ward Clerk; Marriner Swensen, Assistaint Ward rk; Edward E. Collins, Financial Clerk—Photo by W. E. Pennock.

EW OAKLAND FIFTH WARD LANS JOINT STAKE WARD CHAPEL

he new Oakland Fifth Ward, created from parts of the Oakland Dimond wards, has experienced a vigorous beginning. Most of families in the ward have been visited by the bishopric, and all he members have accepted responsibility whole heartedly. Taking most of upper Piedmont, the ward boundaries reach upward into East Oakland foothill residential section.

ne of the immediate goals of ward is the building of a utiful joint Oakland Stake rnacle and Fifth Ward chapel. edifice will be erected near Temple site, at the head of coln avenue. Construction will as sion as permission can be ined from the Church au- ities in Salt Lake City. The opric and others will consult the General Authorities during the general conference.

The first sacrament meeting of the new ward was held March 15, and 40 per cent of the ward membership of 350 was in attendance in the former Dimond Ward chapel.

AUXILIARY HEADS

Under the direction of the bishopric, with Paul E. Warnick,

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B. Y. Univ. Sermons By LDS Authorities

STAYNER RICHARDS
JOSEPH L. WIRTHLIN

Recent talks by the General Authorities before the large student body of the Brigham Young University have been by Elder Stayner Richards, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve, and Presiding Bishop, Joseph Wirthlin.

"You are all missionaries" said Elder Richards, "Whatever you do will result either in good or bad for the Church. You cannot escape the eyes of observers, and the Church will be judged by your actions."

Speaking on "Tithe Paying" Bishop Wirthlin declared some of our people have misconceptions regarding the payment of tithes.

"Many of our people pay tithing in the belief that the Lord will shower down blessings of all the fine things they dream about.

"We can only obtain these blessings by planning and hard work. But the Lord will help solve some of our problems by giving us additional insight and knowledge into some of our temporal problems."

Referring to the business holdings of the Church, Bishop Wirthlin said:

"We are often asked why the

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California Magazine Features San Bernardino LDS Pioneers

The March issue of "Westways," magazine of the Southern California Automobile Association, contains a most enlightening article on the establishing of the Mormon settlement of San Bernardno in 1851.

"The Saints and Fort San Bernardino" is the title of the story. Shown is a plot plan of the old fort and a sketch made in 1852 by William Hutton, and now in the Huntington Library. Built for security against attack by the Indians, "it took the Mormons three weeks to build the fort, and though they lived in it about a year they never fired a shot from its walls," says the magazine.

The original band of Latter-day Saints who left Salt Lake City as directed by President Young in 1851 for the Cajon Pass country was under the direction of two apostles, Amassa M. Lyman and Charles C. Rich.

The colony was to serve as a way-station for Church immigrants landing at Southern California ports on their way to Utah. It was given up in 1858 when Johnson's army threatened to enter Salt Lake City.

AT LAST AN LDS INSTITUTE AT ALBERTA UNIVERSITY

A dispatch from Lethbridge, Canada tells of the formal opening recently of an LDS Institute of Religion, adjacent to the University of Alberta at Edmonton, Canada. The attractive building has been erected by the Church at a cost of $85,000 and is not far from the imposing chapel of the Edmonton Branch. In Edmonton also are the headquarters of the Western Canadian Mission.

About 100 students are now enrolled in the Church's newest institute. Recently a party of students from the University and the Institute toured the four Canadian Stakes presenting programs at stake centers. The themes developed at these meetings were, "Know Your University," and "Know Your Institute."

There are about 3500 students enrolled at the University of Alberta at Edmonton. The University has a high standing among the twenty Canadian universities.

PRIMARY FELICITATED AT 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

Annual Primary Conference Salutes Past Record, Looks To Greater Future

With a Tabernacle filled and a program that kept the delegates in a busy whirl of activity in Salt Lake City, April 2 and 3, the Primary Association met in their annual conference, recalling the past and planning ahead for 1953-54. The first Primary was begun in 1878.

Introduction of the 11-year-old Boy Scout program into the Primary Association was a major consideration of the 1953 conference. Also came the details of the new "Top-pilot" program for 8-year-olds and inauguration of the Cub Scout National program for little Primary boys.

Berkeley Stake Attends

Annetta Wood, Berkeley Stake President attended the conference as did also Primary Board members Claire Engel, of East Richmond, Berta Evenson of Martinez, and Laura Newey of Walnut Creek.

Annetta Wood with Bro. Wood took Jean Lauridson of Walnut Creek and Alice Everett with

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Dr. Widtsoe's Memory Honored By Delta Phi Scholarships

The establishment of a John A. Widtsoe Memorial Scholarship Foundation by the Delta Phi National Honorary Fraternity, a returned missionary group, was announced late in March by Elder Matthew Cowley, grand president of the organization.

This fraternity, composed of former missionaries, will sponsor a program of scholarships for returned missionaries who pursue academic courses at the close of their missionary service.

The grants will be administered by a board of ten men. To encourage high standards of scholarships in various active chapters of the fraternity a national "contest" will be held. The chapter which registers the highest scholastic average of its members will have the privilege of nominating the annual scholarship winners.

$25,000 To Start

A drive for contributions to the fund will be conducted for all friends and admirers of Dr. Widtsoe.

JOHN A. WIDTSOE